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Agawam Feeds The Big E!!!



VOLUNTEER WORKERS at the Sacred Heart Church restaurant at the Eastern States Exposition take a much needed break. From left - Lee Dion, Aldia Montesi, Pat Montesi, Joan Cooper, and Alma Benton. Once again this year the Sacred Heart restaurant was busy throughout the Big E's 12-day run. Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.



MANNING THE AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH food booth at the Big E were Larry Hill, Lee Osgood, and Ellie Broz. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Citizens' Group Pushing Petitions Against Jail Here

A new citizens' group opposed to the state situating a new county jail in Agawam has formed and will be circulating petitions throughout the community over the next few weekends asking residents to send this message to county commissioners.

Joseph Bianca, a resident of 461 Barry Street, Feeding Hills, today told *The Advertiser News* the new citizen's group formed because they were "afraid the town had kind of forgotten about the possibility of the state situating a jail in the community."

He cited a state report due in October which will access the proposed Taylor Street site in Springfield to build the \$60 million county jail as crucial to what may or may not happen to county land in Agawam being considered.

"We plan to get as many signatures as possible and be ready for the state report on jail sites. If the report does not favorably view the Taylor Street site, then it's obvious that our town will again be strongly looked at to shoulder yet another regional burden," said Bianca.

Bianca said he feels that although the town has responded to the jail question in the past, "It's very important to keep the overwhelming dissent against locating a jail here fresh in the minds of county commissioners and state officials."

"Because of the negative impact on our residential community, we are against the siting of the new Hampden County Jail and House of Correction on county-owned land in Agawam," said Bianca.

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Health Board Chairman Calls Public Hearing On Sludge Plant Site

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Board of Health Chairman William Euliano has called for a public hearing for Tuesday, October 11th, with Resource Control, Inc., of Barre, "to determine the need for a site assignment" for the proposed Sewage Sludge Composting facility to be constructed at Bondi's Island.

The hearing will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Agawam Public Library.

The dispute centers around the City of Springfield's claims that the Agawam Board of Health does not have the authority over site assignment of this new plant.

"I definitely feel as though the Board of Health has a right to make a determination as to whether or not our jurisdiction concerning site assignment is necessary," said Euliano.

Town Attorney Anthony C. Bonavita has also strongly suggested that the petitioners appear before the Board of Health to make a full explanation of the facility.

Euliano pointed out that by definition, sludge "is a refuse." He does not believe the process outlined is "a continuous one." He maintains "the material is a solid mass, a residual of waste water treatment. The composting starts with a tangible process."

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"However, I believe the petitioners should have the right to come in and explain the process because it is a technical area concerning the facility."

Euliano also questions whether or not composting would remove toxic materials and other residual substances from the sludge.

"I have to protect the integrity of the landfill," he said Tuesday night. "The Board of Health should have been the first town board to be contacted about this project."

According to plans, the proposed plant would be a state-of-the-art facility, completely odor-free and self-contained. It would refine sludge into a recyclable, humus-like material that could be suitable for landscaping, landfill, and other uses.

The process, say plant officials, is chemical free, and because of its system design, "it does not have an opportunity to pose an odor problem."

In fact, during an extensive presentation two weeks ago, a representative from Taulman Composting Systems reported that the system proposed for the Bondi's Island site is the same kind of system now functioning at Disneyworld in Florida, a facility commended for its overall technology.

The composting plant would transport sludge from the wastewater plant to composting tanks via a completely enclosed conveyor belt.

Once in the tanks, the sludge would be mixed with sawdust and wood chips and be allowed to settle for a maximum of 30 days. After this, said plant officials, it becomes a recyclable product comparable to humus purchased for greenhouse and landscaping use.

The composted sludge is expected to be used as a cover for the Bondi's landfill.

With a Department of Environmental Quality Engineering ruling that sludge no longer can be buried at the Bondi's Island Landfill after the trash-burning plant began operation at the site (that was in August), an alternate means of disposing of, or in this case, utilizing the sludge became imperative.

Euliano, however, wants assurance that the humus-like, end-product of this composting process poses no new or additional hazards to community health.

To that end, Euliano said he will ask several pointed questions during the October 11th hearing. "I would expect answers on the side of public safety."

FIRE-WISE

By Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

Heating Systems Can Spark Fires

Heating systems make homes cozy and comfortable. But they also are among the leading causes of home fires. This time of year, as the nights grow cooler and heating systems are started up all over the area, many tragic deaths and losses occur that could have been prevented. The Agawam Fire Department suggests that you learn how to keep your family warm and safe this winter.

Have a professional check and service your heating system every fall. A dirty furnace that's not working properly can be dangerous. Chimneys should be cleaned and inspected by a reputable professional every year, too. A substance called creosote builds up in every chimney over time and can start a treacherous chimney fire. And older chimneys should be inspected by the fire department for cracks and other flaws that need to be corrected.

Before installing any heating system or supplemental heat source, such as a wood-burning stove, get a permit. Have the work done by a licensed professional. And when the installation is finished, call the Agawam Fire Department to have it inspected.

If you need portable heaters, buy only those with safety devices to turn them off automatically if they tip over. Use only those with Underwriters Laboratory (UL) labels that show they have been safety tested. Never use an electric heater that has a frayed, broken, or worn cord. And never use an extension cord with a portable heater. The heaters draw too much electricity and will overload the cord.

Turn portable heaters off when you go to bed and when you leave the house. Keep children away from them.

When using kerosene heaters, use only the proper fuel to prevent fires. Only 1K kerosene should be used. Always fill the heaters outside. Be sure rooms are properly ventilated when using kerosene heaters.

Never use gasoline or any flammable liquid to start or rekindle a fire. Always have a spark screen in place in front of a fire to prevent tiny sparks from leaping into the room. Keep at least three feet open between any heat source and **anything** that will burn—clothing, bedding, upholstered furniture—anything that can burn.

Remember, be warm, but be careful. **The risk is high.**

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"We believe the South Westfield Street location (one of the most obvious and largest tracts of land owned by the county to potentially situate a jail) is ill-suited for the new jail because of its distance from the Hampden County Court System, Police and Fire Departments, and the lack of appropriate utilities, public transportation, and medical facilities.

"The increased traffic that will result from the jail is also a reason for not locating a jail here," said Bianca.

Bianca said the new citizen's group fully supports and understands the need to build a new county jail, and supports the regional consensus that the new county jail should be built on the Taylor Street site.

"We believe that Agawam is doing its fair share to support the needs of the county and region through the Sanitary Landfill, Bondi's Island Waste Water Treatment Plant, Trash Burning Incinerator, and the proposed Sludge/Composting facility. Enough is enough for Agawam," added Bianca.

Hampden County Commissioners have publicly stated in the past of their opposition to a jail being situated in Agawam, but Bianca said this still might not be enough to prevent the state from selecting Agawam as the jail's new home.

Bianca said his group will be circulating petitions in front of the Agawam and Feeding Hills Post Offices, in the Agawam Shopping Plaza, and at the Southgate Shopping Plaza.

Petitions will also be dropped off at local businesses for residents to sign, including liquor stores and convenience stores.

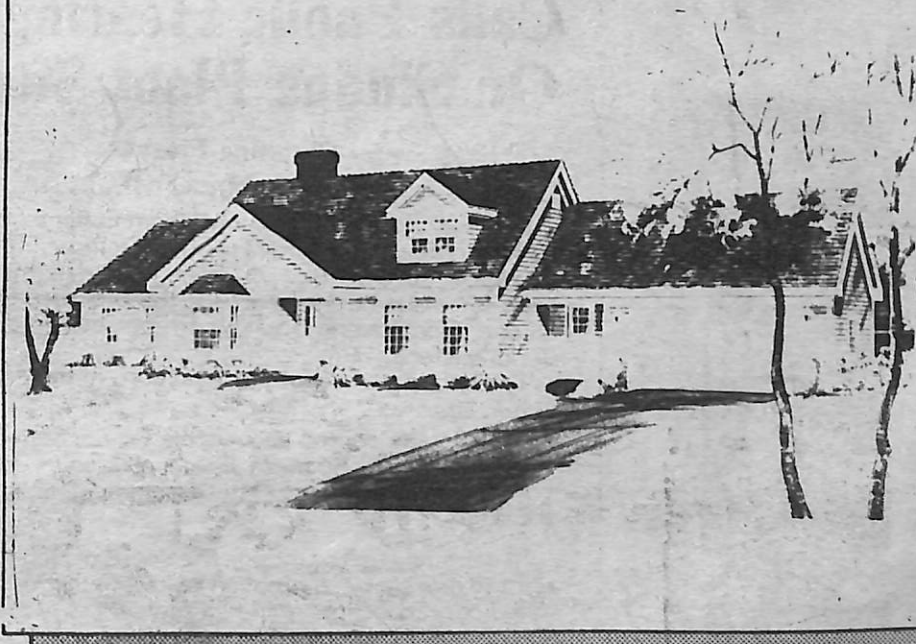
Severe overcrowding of the present York Street Jail has further escalated the importance of building a new Hampden County Jail, an issue which has been in-and-out of the headlines over the past few years.



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Editorial

Guest Editorial...

Why Won't Nardi Stick To The Facts?; He Can Debate Alone!

by Donald Rheault
Agawam Town Council President

My apologies to the voters of Agawam and to the readers of this newspaper.

When I wrote a *Guest Editorial* two weeks ago my intention was not to enter into a weekly debate with Town Councilor Fred Nardi.

My only intention was to inform the voters of the present situation concerning suspended Town Manager Reid Charles and the council. What I stated in my editorial has not changed. Anyone offering anything constructive concerning this topic, including Mr. Nardi, is welcomed. It only serves to help the voter to reach his/her own conclusions as to whether or not the people they elected to represent them are doing just that.

I am sorry Mr. Nardi did not use his editorial to cite documentation as to why he feels Mr. Charles was doing such a fine job for Agawam. The seven councilors who have voted to replace Mr. Charles have stated their reasons and backed-up them up with documentation. I think the ball is now in Mr. Nardi's court.

I am also disturbed that Mr. Nardi felt it necessary to publicly demean the qualifications of some of our finest town employees. I think he overstepped his bounds by intruding into the personal file of a town employee for the sole purpose of diverting attention away from a town manager who is in serious trouble.

The names of these employees were not in my editorial. Their names shouldn't have found their way into his.

How I voted in the past is a matter of public record, and that record will show that Mr. Nardi's remarks are simply not factual.

I never led a move to fire former Town Manager Peter Caputo, as stated by Mr. Nardi. I wasn't even on the council at that time.

But given the fact that Mr. Caputo bought his college diploma for \$25, then falsified his resume on top of it, I probably would have led a move to fire him. I personally feel Agawam deserves better than that.

When it comes to town managers, Mr. Nardi has trouble distinguishing between a working relationship and a friendship. When a councilor takes an oath of office they are now committed to serving and protecting the interests of the voters.

Mr. Nardi would have us believe our obligation is to the town manager. While the vast majority of the council feels Mr. Charles' performance is unsatisfactory, he (Mr. Nardi) feels the exact opposite.

Why is Mr. Nardi included in the personal conferences of Mr. Charles and his attorney? The rest of the council isn't.

Why is Mr. Nardi able to give instructions to Mr. Charles' attorney during a council meeting? The rest of the council isn't.

Why would Mr. Nardi (as well as Councilor Ben Lockhart) vote to break Mr. Charles' contract, thus giving him recourse to file a lawsuit against the town? The rest of the council didn't.

And finally, why does Mr. Nardi go to such lengths to defend a town manager that the vast majority of the council feels is doing such a poor job? The rest of the council didn't!

Is this for the good of Agawam?

Is he acting in the best interests of the town, or is he letting his personal friendship with the manager cloud his objectivity? These were the questions I raised in my editorial, and I still feel they need to be answered.

If Mr. Nardi continues to debate almost 20 years of our town manager form of government through this newspaper, he will do it alone. I am looking forward to planning, and meeting the many challenges of Agawam's future.

News Comment...

Mrs. Fuller Says She Won't Comment; Issue Is Beneath Response

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

"I wouldn't lower myself to comment on it. None of it is true."

Those words came from Town Council Vice-President Jessie D. Fuller in response to an *Agawam Advertiser News* Editorial published last week.

In a brief phone conversation Tuesday evening, Mrs. Fuller declined further comment on the Page 4 Editorial that referred to her as the catalyst in what led to the suspension of Town Manager Reid S. Charles on September 6th.

According to the editorial, it was Mrs. Fuller who contacted fellow Councilor John Negrucci, Edward Borgatti, David Skolnick, and Council President Donald Rheault about appearing in Charles' office on August 25th to seek his resignation from the \$52,000 per year post.

All the four councilors named above have confirmed this to *The AAN*.

Moreover, Town Solicitor Anthony C. Bonavita confirmed to *The AAN* that Mrs. Fuller, late in the evening on August 24th, called his home regarding the legalities of five councilors appearing in Charles' office to seek his resignation the next morning.

Bonavita responded that this would not violate the state's Open Meeting Law. Bonavita also said Mrs. Fuller repeated several times that "Charles must go."

The editorial also refers to conversations between Mrs. Fuller and Borgatti where she also indicated that Charles "must go."

When queried this past Tuesday night, Borgatti again confirmed this, noting that Mrs. Fuller had approached him about a controversial, recent appointment of Charles' prior to his (Charles') suspension. Borgatti told us Mrs. Fuller said, "He (Charles) is self-destructing."

This, Borgatti said, came before Mrs. Fuller appeared with he and the other three councilors in Charles' office on August 25th.

Mrs. Fuller also signed for a special meeting with four of her colleagues to discuss Charles' stewardship on August 29th.

Mrs. Fuller's later actions, the record shows, were that she gave Charles a good evaluation and refused to vote to suspend him on September 6th.

Without going into long detail, the council minutes clearly show that Mrs. Fuller was strongly on the side of the suspended town manager during all three special meetings concerning his performance evaluation and stewardship.

After the September 19th council meeting, Mrs. Fuller clarified her position on the evaluation process, stating at that time she "did not feel there was enough time to put together and vote on a performance evaluation on the same night (on September 6th)."

She noted that the School Department (she is a former long-time member of the School Committee) evaluations of administrators are brought home, considered by school board members, and then returned.

"I don't want people to feel I would break the town manager's contract," she stated at that time. "I work in the best interests of the town."

Despite four of her colleagues and the town solicitor stating that she was the one who got the ball rolling by first seeking Charles' resignation on August 25th, Mrs. Fuller refuted it all by claiming "none of it is true," and "I wouldn't lower myself to comment on it."

She was given ample opportunity and space to explain why there's such a major contradiction in her actions, and to dispute it with her version of the story. She refused. Let the voters be the judge.



Officer Defends Colleague's Profile

To The Editor:

In response to the letter submitted by Mary Jane Stuart concerning the article written by Crime Prevention Officer Wayne Macey about Detective Richard Niles, I felt that I had to respond.

Obviously, Ms. Stuart never read the full article whereupon she would have observed that the prime aspect of it was good humored jesting. If she really knows Rick as she claims, she would also know that he in no way could be offended by what was written about him. I can assure Ms. Stuart that when Rick saw the article he laughed just as hard as the rest of us. We all know that he is dedicated to his profession, but he has a certain way about him that can make one see the light moments, though they are few and far between.

As for Crime Prevention Officer Macey, he is one of the best people in the Police Department and is highly regarded by Detective Niles. I should know, Ms. Stuart, as I have worked with Detective Macey both in the Uniform Division and in the Detective Bureau, and Rick is my partner two nights a week.

Joe Dymon
Agawam Detective Bureau

Academics Don't Receive "Back Seat"

To The Editor:

In regards to Mrs. Markowski's letter to the editor article in the September 8th, 1988, edition of *The Agawam Advertiser News* concerning academics taking a "back seat" at the Granger School Moving Up graduation exercises, I believe the Project S.E.E. Awards were not presented first or given a higher place on the agenda on graduation day because Mrs. Bradford could not be at Granger School first that day. She was at another elementary school giving out awards. She had to go to two other elementary schools in town besides Granger School.

Also, the student patrol awards many times are handed out first on that day because the police safety officer can't be tied up for a long period of time handing out awards at each school because he also must visit other schools on graduation day. The busy nature of his job is in the morning hours with school bus traffic and the heavy traffic of people driving to work.

The coloring contest awards and gym field day awards also were given out ahead of the Project S.E.E. awards because the gym teacher is at Granger School all day and was present first and not because more importance was given to gym than academics.

Logistics warrants making changes sometimes, not because of other parts of the curriculum playing a more important role than academics.

Mrs. Bradford just wasn't at Granger first to hand out her awards and the program for graduation day had to begin with the other non-academic awards being handed out before the Project S.E.E. awards.

Fred Montesi
4th Grade Teacher
Granger School

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on October 6, 1988, at 7:15 PM in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of George and Valerie Vassos on a proposed zone change for Main and Federal Streets. The request is to rezone property known as 158 Main Street from Residence A-2 to Business A. The property being further described and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a stone bound at the intersection of Main Street and Federal Street in said Agawam and thence

SOUTHERLY along the westerly boundary of said Main Street a distance of two hundred fifty-eight and forty-two one hundredths (258.42) feet to an iron pin; thence

WESTERLY along land of E. Harold Hamblen and Jessie M. Hamblen a distance of one hundred thirty-nine and ninety-seven one hundredths (139.97) feet to an iron pin; thence

NORTHERLY along other land now or formerly of Julie M. Peterson and land of J.L. Bosworth a distance of two hundred fifty-eight and fifty-five one hundredths (258.55) feet to said Federal Street; thence

EASTERLY along the southerly boundary of said Federal Street along the southerly boundary of said Federal Street one hundred thirty-eight and twenty-two one hundredths (138.22) feet to the point of beginning.

BY ORDER OF CHARLES R. CALABRESE, CHAIRMAN
AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

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Our office is open weekdays at 6:30 a.m. If we can be of service, please call us at 786-7747 or 786-8137. We encourage our readers to submit Guest Editorials and Letters To The Editor. Both should be typed or very neatly written. The deadline is Tuesday at noontime.

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Veterans Assisted By Vocational Rehab

Disabled veterans who successfully completed vocational rehabilitation increased their earnings by more than 4½ times according to a new study by the Veterans Administration.

The VA reviewed the annual income levels of the more than 2,300 veterans who were rehabilitated in 1987 and found average earnings after training of \$15,586. Prior to entering the VA program, the veterans earned an average of \$2,765 per year.

VA Administration Thomas K. Turnage said the study "is a compelling demonstration that vocational rehabilitation has a dramatic positive impact on the lives of disabled veterans."

The agency said it is conducting a follow-up study of the same group and preliminary results indicate further earnings increases.

VA's vocational rehabilitation program provides services and assistance necessary for disabled veterans to achieve independence in daily living, to be trained in employable skills, and to obtain and maintain suitable employment.

The rehabilitation begins with an evaluation of the needs needed by the veteran. A training plan is developed and, finally, VA counselors assist in finding the veteran a job.

Veterans enrolled in the program also receive tax-disability compensation payments from the VA. The amounts were not counted in calculating individual earnings.

According to Dennis R. Wyant, director of the VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Education Service, the cost of this program is repaid many times over by increased income taxes of the participants. Wyant said a review of the income data by the IRS reveals that the study group's federal tax payments had increased an estimated 635 percent.

Q. I understand that there have been some changes in the Veterans Administration's Home Loan Guaranty Program. Did the amount of the maximum VA-guaranty on a conventional home loan change?

A. The Veterans' Home Loan Program Improvements and Property Rehabilitation Act revised calculations for determining the percentage of the loan

Lt. Governor Murphy Recognizes Guard



LT. GOVERNOR EVELYN F. MURPHY recently presented both a plaque and a "Certificate of Appreciation" to **Sergeant First Class Eugene L. Brice** (right) at Southeastern Massachusetts University. Brice was the state's Army National Guard's top recruiter for the year. Looking on is **Lt. Colonel John Pumphrey**.

guaranteed by the VA. Previously, the maximum VA-guaranty on a conventional home loan was \$27,500. Under the new law, for loans of \$45,000 or less, 50 percent of the loan is guaranteed. For loans above \$45,000, 40 percent of the loan is guaranteed, up to a maximum of \$36,000, but not less than \$22,500.

Q. Why is it necessary to have a property appraised

under the VA home loan guaranty program?

A. The law requires that the amount of a VA guaranteed loan may not exceed the reasonable value of the property, construction, alterations, improvements, or repairs, as determined by the VA. In order to make this determination, the VA requires an appraisal of the property by a designated appraiser.

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Agawam Crime Watch...

Neighborhood Crime

by Officer Wayne Macey
Crime Prevention Bureau

Housebreaks in town have dropped dramatically. At one point over the past month, we had 10 breaks within a one-week period. This past week, only one attempt was reported and it was involving a convenience store in town.

This decline is due in large part to the efforts of a citizen who observed some suspicious activity outside her home and reported the same to the Police Department.

Within a few minutes a male suspect was picked-up off the street and brought to headquarters for questioning in regards to a housebreak in the area. After admitting his complicity in that particular break, he proceeded to point out 27 other breaks he and another juvenile had perpetrated over the past three months.

This culminated an intensive investigative effort involving hundreds of hours and the participation of both uniform and plainclothes officers.

The point is that with all the manpower and equipment available to your Police Department, we could not come up with anything concrete in the form of evidence until this neighbor called and reported what she saw. That one phone call was enough to get cruisers in the area and take the suspect out of action. Not only does this solve the housebreaks of the past, but I'm sure it will save a lot of people a lot of heartbreak and misery in the future.

As your crime prevention officer, I can say without reservation that the single most important part of any **Crime Watch** presentation is the concentration of neighbor's eyes and ears on each other's property.

If emphasis is placed on suspicious and out-of-the-ordinary activity, and this activity is reported immediately to the Police Department, the results will be beneficial to all. We have many new neighborhoods in town as well as many new people in older neighborhoods. I will be starting up the **Crime Watch** presentations in the next few weeks, and I am looking for your help to organize these meetings.

These meetings will be conducted at night either at someone's home in the neighborhood or at the Police Station in our meeting room.

We will discuss ways to keep our homes safe and secure as well as personal security. If you can get your neighbors together at a certain time, please call **786-4767** and ask for the crime prevention officer.

Agawam Police
BLOTTER!!!

On September 19th, **Susan Minalaga**, 11 West School Street, Westfield, was arrested and charged with shoplifting and an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Rick Niles and Mark Pfau.

On September 20th, **Richard Cavanaugh**, 420 Main Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Richard Light, Jr., Donald Gallerani, and Keith Bopko.

On September 20th, **Patrick Flanagan**, 22 Mechanic Street, Westfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Richard Curry and Mark Pfau.

On September 20th, **Whalen Goucher**, 312 Meadow Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding West Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Sergeant Donald Loncto, Mark Poggi, and James Luccardi.

On September 23rd, **Michael D. Halcrow**, Fort Murray, Alberta, Canada, was arrested and charged with breaking and entering of a motor vehicle and larceny over \$250. Arresting officers were Sergeant Donald Loncto and Eric Camerlin.

On September 23rd, **Angel Morales**, 42 Maynard Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Detective Gerald O'Keefe and Detective Alan Collins.

On September 24th, **John F. Clinton**, North Road, Sanford, Florida, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Ben Moore and Joseph Edwards.

On September 24th, **Angel L. Vazquez**, 414 Hancock Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officer was Steven Draghetti.

On September 25th, **Leon Ruais**, 21 Dwight Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Steven Draghetti, Richard Light, Jr., and Donald Gallerani.

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Meet Your Agawam Police...

Detective Richard Niles

By Officer Wayne Macey

In my attempt to inject some humor into the officer of the week profile, it would appear that at least one town resident was misled. I was disturbed to read that Mrs. Mary Jane Stuart, a friend of the Richard Niles family, was upset enough by the profile to write a letter to the newspaper stating an apology was necessary.

While I don't feel an apology is in order, I do feel the need to set the record straight for Mrs. Stuart and anyone else who may have been misinformed by the profile. In defense of myself, I must say that the paragraph of that particular article on Rick should have been enough, I thought, to let people know what a fine officer he really is. The idea to be humorous in that particular profile came from Rick himself. I asked for some dates and times of schools, awards, etc. in order to have enough information to put it together. That was my first mistake.

Anyone who knows Rick will understand what I mean when I say it was a while before I could be laughing long enough to write what I wrote. We couldn't submit all of what he had on paper, I felt compelled to relay a bit of the humor to the townspeople. I purposely tried to make the profile ridiculous so as to mislead or offend anyone. I am now here to state that Detective Niles did not in fact lose all of his uniforms in a poker game to three long-time members of the Salvation Army.

Richard's sense of humor is what sets him apart from everyone else. He has the ability to maintain humor in even the most trying and difficult of circumstances. At the same time his quality of work both in uniform and now on the Detective Bureau has always made people sit up and take notice.

As I stated in the final paragraph of his profile, he is the finest the department has as a back to the basics investigator. The legwork and repetition involved in doing the job often proves to be the downfall of many a detective. Rick sticks with it and always gets the job done.

This attitude, combined with his work habits, have seen Rick through the successful conclusion of many a case. It should be known that Rick is also the back-up crime prevention officer, and my assistant in teaching the D.A.R.E. drug program in the schools. I could ask for no better partner.

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Municipal Events

GRAND
NATIONAL AUTO

Monday, October 3rd
Town Council Meeting
Public Library
8:00 P.M.

Thursday, October 6th
Agawam Planning Board
Agawam Public Library
7:15 P.M.

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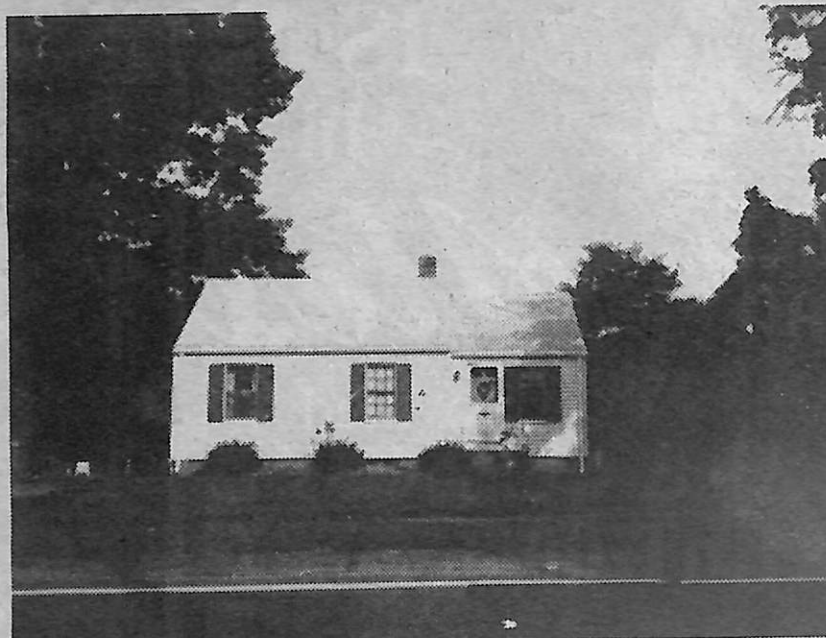
Tuesday, October 11th
Liquor Licensing Commission
Town Administration Building
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Treasurer Says If Tax Bills Again Delayed, Town May Need To Borrow \$5 Million

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

"If tax bills aren't out by November, we may have to borrow \$5 million to carry us through," today said Town Treasurer Rudolfo Altobelli.

As of September 27th, some \$1,852,920.27 in tax revenue had been collected, and on September 29th (presstime), Altobelli said he expects to repay the \$1 million loan borrowed in anticipation of that revenue several weeks ago.

Altobelli said that after lesser debts are cleared, "there should be about \$500,000 remaining in this account." He said that on Friday, September 30th, he expects to receive \$2.2 million in quarterly funds sent by the state.

Despite this current cash influx, Altobelli notes that no major revenue is anticipated to the town during the month of November, yet the town will have to pay-off \$313,000 in county tax bills which are due in November, in addition to normal payroll and vendors' bills due at that time.

He said this could create a cash shortfall if late tax bills trigger another round of taxpayers not paying their tax bills expeditiously. The round of bills sent in last August were laced with errors, creating a chaotic situation for tax collection at Town Hall.

Altobelli said if tax bills are again sent out late, it could necessitate another round of borrowing against anticipated revenue to the tune of \$5 million.

"The problem is in getting the tax bills out," Altobelli said. "That's \$7 million for each half of the year sent. The first bills were supposed to go out April 1st and were not sent until August 19th. If such a long delay again occurs, we'll be in another cash flow crunch."

When contacted Tuesday evening, newly-appointed

Town Assessor Louis Cichetti declined comment on when the next tax bills might be ready to be sent out. Cichetti stated the many problems with the most recent tax bills forward August 19th are in "the process of being cleared-up."

Data Processing Director Frederick Messier noted that he expects to send out personal property tax bills totaling almost \$500,000 this week, barring discrepancies with property assessments. "The bills won't go out if they aren't right," he said.

Messier noted that the personal tax bills are in the last phase of the 1988 tax process and that the emphasis over the past few months has been on the troubled property tax and revaluation process.

He said once the errors are corrected and the personal property tax bills are issued, the 1989 billing should be much simpler. For now, he said, mid-November is the earliest mailing date mentioned for the bills that were supposed to be sent October 1st, although *The AAN* has learned this may not occur until late December due to the many past problems with the tax collection process.

Messier said he warned suspended Town Manager Reid S. Charles about sending out the tax bills on August 19th due to the many errors on many of the bills, but was ordered to send them regardless of this.

Collection of taxes was one of the 14 reasons cited by members of the council for suspending Charles from the town manager's office on September 6th.

Altobelli said his office is closely monitoring the town's cash flow situation, and through careful planning and if necessary, borrowing, Agawam will stay on the black side of the financial ledger.

Locals On List Of State's Annual "Unclaimed Money"

State Treasurer Robert Q. Crane announced today that his office is attempting to return more than \$2 million to 7,000 Massachusetts residents under the state's unclaimed money law.

Treasurer Crane noted that this money has been reported to the Treasury by insurance companies doing business within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Included in the proceeds are unpaid life insurance benefits, unpaid benefits on health and liability insurance policies, pension checks, and customer overpayments.

Under Massachusetts' Unclaimed Money Law (M.G.L.c200A), accounts which have been dormant for at least five years are deemed to be abandoned and must be reported to the Treasury. The Treasury Department then tries to locate the rightful owner or legal heirs.

"Many of these accounts represent the cash value of life insurance policies, which the owners do not realize they are entitled to claim," Crane said. "My office is making every reasonable effort to locate the owners or legal heirs, to return these funds to those who are due them."

More than 3,000 accounts range between \$100-\$500; 650 accounts between \$500-\$1,000; 424 accounts between \$1,000-\$5,000; 14 accounts between \$5,000-\$10,000, and eight accounts more than \$10,000. The remaining accounts are less than \$100.

Persons who believe they may have a valid claim, should call Treasurer's Crane's office at (617)426-0060 or toll free 1-800-632-8027.

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He settles for nothing short of the best in everything he does, and as a result his talents are obvious to all. In closing, I would like to say that I admire Mrs. Stuart's concern and loyalty towards Rick. She thought he had been maligned and came to his defense, and we don't see enough of that in today's world.

At the same time, I hope she now understands that I would never publicly ridicule or malign anyone, especially someone of Rick's caliber.

Clerk's Office Still Registering Voters

The Agawam Town Clerk's Office will register new voters for the Presidential Election on November 8th on Saturday, October 1st, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at Agawam Town Hall.

The Clerk's Office also registers voters weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., also at Town Hall. You can also register at the Agawam Public Library during its regular hours, Monday - Saturday.

Anyone who registers to vote after Tuesday, October 11th, will be ineligible to vote in the November 8th election.

"Agawam For Dukakis" Plans To Meet On October 5th

On Wednesday, October 5th, at the Agawam Public Library, at 7:00 p.m., those local residents who are interested in assisting the presidential campaign of Governor Michael S. Dukakis will meet to discuss ways and means to promote the Governor in Agawam.

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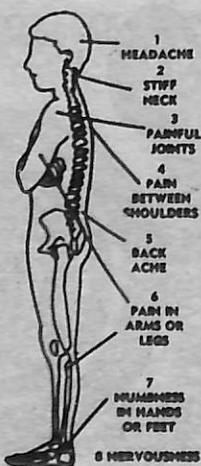
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DA Says Fieldstad Can Vote On Charles

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Councilor Paul M. Fieldstad will be allowed to vote on the termination of Town Manager Reid S. Charles, according to a ruling by Town Solicitor Anthony C. Bonavita.

Charles has slated a public hearing for Friday night, as allowed by the Agawam Town Charter, to defend his performance as town manager, and allow community input into the matter.

Bonavita made the ruling last week after meeting with District Attorney Matthew Ryan regarding a complaint by Charles that Fieldstad threatened to fire him earlier this year.

Charles had stated in a letter to the council that Fieldstad threatened him with termination if he (Charles) appointed former Town Councilor Anthony Saracino to the Liquor Licensing Commission.

Fieldstad had declined comment on the issue while it was under investigation. The issue of the alleged threat to Charles surfaced when Charles notified the council, in writing, that he was approached by Fieldstad, who claimed there were enough votes to fire him as the town manager. Charles also claimed Fieldstad said "Saracino was a bad appointment."

Saracino's bid to become a member of the three-member Liquor Licensing Commission was defeated.

Ryan informed Bonavita that this Charles-Fieldstad issue would not be referred to the Grand Jury and there was no reason to preclude Fieldstad from voting on Charles' termination from his \$52,000 per year post.

This, added with Bonavita's ruling, paves the way for Fieldstad to vote on Charles' termination. Fieldstad

was one of seven councilors who voted to suspend Charles.

The two more votes required by the charter to officially terminate Charles are expected to take place over the next few weeks.

"I think the ruling and remarks made by Attorney Bonavita covered just about everything," was the only comment Fieldstad would issue on the matter Tuesday.

Bonavita's ruling on Fieldstad was the result of an inquiry by Councilor Frederick Nardi, who questioned the propriety of Fieldstad voting on the motion to suspend Charles from office for 45 days with pay at the September 6th meeting.

Nardi stated at that meeting, "It's no secret that most everyone is aware that the town manager has filed a formal complaint with (Ryan) concerning alleged conversations which occurred in his office (Charles) with (Fieldstad), whereby it is alleged that in impropriety conflict exists."

Council President Donald M. Rheault at that time said, "I don't know what went on (between Charles and

Fieldstad), but the judgement is on Mr. Fieldstad whether he believes he is in conflict."

Also agreeing that Fieldstad had the right to vote on Charles' suspension on September 6th was Councilor Christopher Johnson. He said, "I don't believe we have the right to force any member (of the council) to vote or not to vote."

He added that Fieldstad would vote at his own risk and if at a later date a conflict was indeed determined, "it would be his (Fieldstad's) own responsibility."

Joining the debate was Councilor Benjamin Lockhart, who, at the September 6th meeting, referred to the alleged Fieldstad/Charles incident as "blackmail."

"Frankly, we have received no response in defense of this from Fieldstad," Lockhart said. "Anybody that accuses me of blackmail, you can be damn sure I'll be right out there fighting."



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The "Health" Of The U.S. Dollar

by Catherine M. Sypek
Financial Consultant
Shearson Lehman Hutton
1500 Main Street, Springfield

Anyone regularly exposed to the news media has heard or read about the "health" of the U.S. dollar as compared with foreign currencies. Phrases like "the dollar was up today against the yen" or "the dollar fell today in foreign trading"—which reflect movements in the price at which our currency can be converted to that of another country—have become standard expressions.

However, this day-to-day reporting tends to obscure the importance of longer-term trends which hold more significance to us as investors.

Prior to the 1970s, the U.S. economy basically performed and behaved as if it were a "closed" economy, one which was relatively unaffected by economic developments in other parts of the world. However, in today's global marketplace, more than at any other time in our history, the performance of the U.S. economy is directly influenced by its interactions with international economies and financial markets.

What makes the dollar "strong" or "weak" as compared with other currencies? While there are many influencing factors, three are most dominant:

- the level of interest rates here in relation to those overseas
- the relative strength of our economy versus those of other nations
- the political stability of the governments involved.

A brief look at history will help place the current situation in perspective. Beginning in early 1980, the dollar began to gain strength in relation to the major foreign currencies. In fact, between 1980 and mid-1985, our currency was so strong it was often referred to as the "super dollar."

Two primary factors contributed to the strength of the greenback during this period. First, the U.S. economy was relatively stronger than those of its trading partners; second, interest rates were historical-

ly high, resulting in a flow of foreign investments into dollar-denominated assets.

By the spring of 1985, the dollar began to fall as a result of a decline in the sale of "expensive" U.S. manufactured products abroad and, conversely, increased consumer demand in this country for relatively inexpensive imports. By the end of last year, imports were exceeding exports in this country by about \$15 billion per month. The most pronounced dollar weakness followed on the heels of the October '87 stock market crash as the Federal Reserve was forced to reduce interest rates and provide liquidity.

During the first quarter of this year, the combination of central bank intervention on the dollar's behalf, improved trade figures and a healthy economy encouraged the Fed to tighten credit, causing interest rates to rise. The new effect of these activities is that between January and August this year the dollar rose about 20 percent.

To put all of this into perspective for the average investor, short-term fluctuations in the dollar have little or no impact on most individual portfolios. However, a more stable or slightly rising dollar will, over the long haul, encourage foreign investors to become, or remain, active in the stock market, thus expanding the amount of capital available to buy stocks, including yours.

On the other hand, a strong dollar creates an "exchange loss;" this means that the earnings for an American company and its stockholders are reduced if the money the company earns abroad loses value against the dollar. In short, the more a U.S. multinational depends on exports for sales, the more it will benefit from a weak dollar. Thus, during periods in which the dollar is declining, multinationals often represent a good investment hedge.

Ag. Board Of Health Reminds Residents About Private Wells

The Massachusetts Department of Food and Agriculture and the Agawam Health Board wish to notify private well owners of new regulations which restrict herbicide applications on rights of way near private wells.

Rights of ways such as railroads, pipelines, powerlines, and communication lines are routinely maintained to keep vegetation from interfering with their operation and repair. Although vegetation control may include hand cutting and mowing, it often involves applications of herbicides.

In 1987, regulations were promulgated by the Department of Food and Agriculture to restrict herbicide use on rights of way around public and private drinking water supplies, wetlands, and other sensitive areas. Responsibility for identifying and mapping sensitive areas lies primarily with the companies who maintain the corridors. However, because private wells are not generally inventoried or mapped, local cooperation is required to post and map the private wells for applicators.

Under the regulations, the use of herbicides on rights-of-way will be prohibited within 50 feet of private drinking water wells and restricted within a buffer zone extending to 100 feet. To gain protection, persons using drinking water wells located within 100 feet of a right of way must: 1) **post the location of their wells at the edge of the right-of-way, and 2) notify the local health board of their well's location so that it can be mapped and provided to herbicide applicators.**

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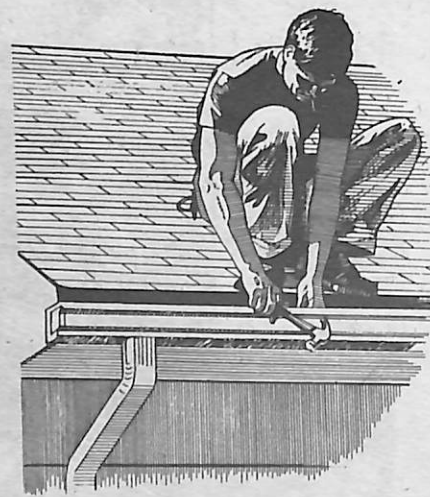
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Dolly & Hugo Mezzetti Celebrate 40th Anniversary

Dolly & Hugo Mezzetti of 454 Meadow Street, Agawam, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday, September 11th, with family and friends.

A surprise party was given in their honor at the Westover Open Mess, Chicopee, by their children, David, Jeannine, Joanne, Mike, Janice, and, of course, their grandchild, Matthew (The Nutty Professor).

Forest Park Chapter Of AARP Will Meet October 8th

The Forest Park Chapter of Retired Persons (AARP) will hold their next meeting Thursday October 8th at Trinity Methodist Church, Sumner Avenue, Springfield, Massachusetts at 1:15 p.m. Social hour will be at 12:45 p.m. The program will be a magician who will keep the group in suspense.

A bus trip is planned to Northampton with luncheon at Wiggins Tavern and a cabaret show. Shopping at Thornes Market and a visit to the Candle Shop in Deerfield are also planned. The date is November 18th. Please call 783-6353 for reservations.

Pvt. Robert G. Graves Completes Basic Training

Private Robert G. Graves, son of Joyce S. Graves of 88 Harvey Johnson Drive, Agawam, has completed basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is a 1983 graduate of Agawam High School.

Elm Lodge A.F. & A.M. To Hold Open House Oct. 2

Elm Lodge A.F. & A.M., 53 River Street, Agawam, will hold an Open House on Sunday, October 2nd, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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Le Cercle des Dames Francaises and L'Union St. Jean-Baptiste, District 5, will host a benefit Fashion Show at Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, on Monday evening, October 3rd, in the Tivoli Room.

The social hour is at 6:00 p.m., and dinner at 7:00 p.m., followed by "Les Modes Elegantes." The fashions are presented by "Nouveau Boutique" owned and operated by Alan Silva & Company of East Longmeadow. Hairstyles will be by Alan himself. Marika Furs of West Springfield will complement many of the fashions for the coming fall/holiday season. Arleen Roberts will be commentator.

The fashion show will benefit Sunshine Village. In addition, a contribution will be made to the Scholarship Fund of Le Cercle.

Tickets are \$20, and reservations may be made by contacting Chairwoman Jeannine Pilon, 50 Shefford Street, Springfield, MA, 01107, or call 788-8667.

Mrs. Pilon, a past president of Le Cercle des Dames Francaises, is well-known for her expertise in organizing fashion shows and other social events to benefit both the Franco-American causes as well as many civic and cultural affairs.

Honorary chairwoman is Angeline Davignon of Holyoke, who is second vice president of Le Cercle and vice president of USJB Council 1 in Holyoke. Mrs. Davignon has been on the Board of Directors for Sunshine Village, and she is a diligent campaigner to help organize many activities for Sunshine Village (Friends Of The Retarded, Inc.).

Cochairwoman of the fashion show is Lillian Pelouquin of Chicopee, who is also a member of Le Cercle des Dames Francaises and assistant secretary of USJB Council 324.

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Rosary Altar Society Sets Meeting With Fatima Talk

The Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church will hold their meeting on Tuesday, October 11th, at 7:30 p.m. Rosary and Benediction will be recited in the church, led by Pastor and Spiritual Director Father David Joyce.

A business meeting will follow in the Parish Center with Mina DeCalvallo as guest speaker. She will give a talk on Fatima. Chairwoman for the evening is Mary Malachowski. Refreshments will be served by Mary Ladner, Mary Davis, and Julia Zachowski.

The evening begins the 42nd year of the Society. Officers for the 1988-89 year are President Nancy Doucette; Vice Presidents Jane Avis and Lee Dion; Treasurer Jackie Jendza; Secretary Marilyn Morassi.

All women of the parish are invited to attend this evening. You need not be a member.

Operation Friendship Chapter Sets Roast Beef Supper Oct. 15

Operation Friendship Chapter of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, a non-profit, cultural exchange program, is having its Roast Beef Supper on Saturday, October 15th, with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the church.

The menu includes juice, tossed salad, roast beef, mashed potato, gravy, vegetable, rolls and butter, beverage, and dessert. Donation is \$6.50 for adults, \$3 for children under 12, and children under five are free. Proceeds from the supper will be used toward hosting a European Operation Friendship Chapter next summer.

Reservations can be made by calling Pat Daubney, 789-0348; Sue Mueller, 789-1757 (evenings); or Lois Granger, 569-5884 (evenings).

F.H. Women's Club To Present Ed Wonsek On Wood Carvings

The Feeding Hills Women's Club is having a meeting, Wednesday, October 5th, at 6:30 p.m., at Grange Hall.

President Virginia Lake has the following hostesses for the evening: Mary Davis, Thelma Horenstein, Mary Rachek, Wanda Walz, and Julia Zajchowski, chairwoman.

The covered dish dinner will be followed by an interesting program on "Wood Carving" by Ed Wonsek.

Dr. Ross Continues Fall Lecture Series

Dr. Tina D. Ross, chiropractic physician, is continuing her Health and Fitness Lecture Series. The purpose of this series is to support individuals in achieving their optimum health and to educate them so that they may understand health and in turn educate others.

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Monday, October 17th - Are You What You Eat?

Food affects your behavior, moods, stamina and general health. Dr. Ross will discuss what constitutes a healthy diet, food and healing, overeating and undereating.

Monday, October 24th - Prevention of Back Injuries

Five million working and pleasure hours are lost each year because of neck and back pain. Dr. Ross will show you how to prevent a problem from occurring in the first place.

All lectures are FREE and begin at 7:30 p.m., at Hampden County Chiropractic, Agawam Professional Center, 850 Springfield Street, Suite 3, Feeding Hills.

For information and reservations, call 786-4820.

Agawam Council On Aging Receives \$12,000 Grant

The Agawam Council on Aging has been awarded a \$12,000 grant from Greater Springfield Senior Services towards the purchase of a walk-in freezer and refrigerator for the Council on Aging's nutrition program.

That program is serving over 200 meals daily to the town's elder population including over 100 meals-on-wheels delivered every day to handicapped seniors unable to come to the Senior Center for lunch.

Executive Director Richard Mundo received notification of the award granted on a competitive basis by Greater Springfield Senior Services. "It speaks well of the town and the program," stated Mundo. "Our program proves that a nutritious and tasteful meal can be provided to many seniors in a cost effective manner, provided there is adequate public support."

The Council on Aging's nutrition program is supported 50 percent by donation, made by recipients, and 50 percent from Title III of the Older Americans Act, one of the Great Society's programs of the mid-1960's.

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Agawam Obituaries

Elizabeth F. Buoniconti

Elizabeth F. (Puza) Buoniconti, 69, of 36 Rowley Street, Agawam, a former employee of Mercolino's Bakery, Springfield, died in Mercy Hospital, Springfield. She had worked at the bakery from 1961 to 1968.

Born in Westfield, she lived in Agawam 50 years. She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Church and a former member of St. Anthony's Society. She was a founder of the Agawam Gridiron Moms. Her husband, Thomas F. Buoniconti, died in 1969, and a son, Thomas F. Jr., died in 1979.

She leaves a daughter, Judy A. Anderson of Agawam; a brother, Walter Puza of Westfield; four sisters, Bernice Puza-Zygarowski, Ann Puza-Jemilo, Stacia Puza-Bergeron, and Helen Puza-Michonski, all of Westfield, and four grandchildren.

The funeral was at Forastiere Funeral Home, Springfield, and in the church with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Henry P. LaBelle

Henry P. LaBelle, 81, of 88 Leland Avenue, Agawam, a retired 15-year security guard with the Miller Detective Agency of Springfield, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. He had also worked 15 years for Almac Knitting Company, Indian Orchard.

Born in East Douglas, he had lived in Agawam 18 years and was a communicant and Eucharistic minister of St. John the Evangelist Church. He was a member of the Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield, and the Chicopee Moose Club.

He leaves his wife, the former Jeannette V. Bissonette; a daughter, Pauline Sawyer of Agawam; a brother, Norman of Duvernay, Canada, and three grandchildren, Michelle, Nicole, and Paul Sawyer.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the church building fund, 823 Main Street, Agawam, MA, 01001.

Bernadette Petchuk

Bernadette (Lemay) Petchuk, 74, of C-2 Belden Court, Agawam, a former stock clerk at J.C. Penney Company, died in Mercy Hospital, Springfield.

Born in Springfield, she had lived in Westfield before moving to Agawam 15 years ago. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

She leaves two daughters, Linda Case of Granby, Connecticut, and Bernadette Mayer of Avon, Connecticut; two brothers, Eddie of Springfield and James W. of Thompsonville, Connecticut; a sister, Rita Skawski of Springfield, and two grandchildren.

The funeral was at Springfield Funeral Home, Carew Street, Springfield, and in the church with burial at the convenience of the family.

James Stellato

James Stellato, 64, of 550 Mill Street, Feeding Hills, a retired 26-year custodian in the Agawam school system, died in Mercy Hospital, Springfield. He previously worked at the former Atkins Greenhouse on River Road and retired as a custodian in 1986.

Born in Springfield, he had lived in Agawam 55 years. He was an Army veteran of World War II and served in New Guinea and the Philippines. He received many citations, including the Victory Medal and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two bronze stars.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, a member of the Dante Club of West Springfield, and a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1632.

He leaves his wife, the former Claire F. Johnson; a son, Rocco "Rocky" of North Clarendon, Vermont; a brother, Anthony, and a sister, Edith Grimaldi, both of Feeding Hills, and five grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield.

Nellie A. Welch

Nellie A. (Wentworth) Welch, 98, formerly of Portland, Maine, died in an Agawam nursing home.

Born in Brownfield, Maine, she attended local schools, and lived in Portland most of her life. She was the widow of William Welch.

She leaves a daughter, Almeda Hurteau of Springfield, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held in Woodlawn Cemetery, Westbrook, Maine. The Hay and Peabody Funeral Home of Portland was in charge.

Memorial Donations For Shirley Richard, Former Librarian

Memorial donations have been received by the Agawam Public Library to honor Shirley A. (Richard) Carrier, who served as chief librarian in Agawam from 1968 to 1978 and died January 31st in Missouri. The news of Shirley Richard's death filled many area residents with great sadness since she had an immense and positive impact on so many people of all ages by encouraging them to pursue not only a love of books and reading, but also their educational, career, and other goals.

Some of these citizens have expressed an interest in establishing a library memorial fund in her honor. Additional donations may be made to the **Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA, 01001.**

Shirley A. Richard has continued to be an inspiration for many of the best traditions and improvements within the Agawam Public Library. She was instrumental in establishing the need for the new library and convincing town officials to allocate federal grant monies for its construction. She encouraged warm, friendly service to all; and shared a tremendous enthusiasm for children's services, love of books and reading; and promotion of attractive, enticing books to encourage usage.

Many will remember her tremendous excitement every time she would discover another beautiful, humorous or otherwise excellent children's book. Under Shirley Richard's direction, the children's collection here received high praise as one of the best in the area from many experts, including nationally recognized James Trelease, the author of the bestselling *Read Aloud Handbook*.

In keeping with this tradition, funds donated in memory of Shirley A. Richard will be utilized to purchase the type of wonderful children's books she herself would have selected and joyfully shared. These books will bear gift plates honoring her memory and the donors.

Many residents, including current Chief Librarian Donna Campbell, have childhood memories of visiting the former Center Library on Main Street to visit "Shirley," as she was affectionately known, and to borrow books.

With her welcoming, friendly, cheerful and warm manner, she eliminated the outdated stereotype of the "mean old librarian" in Agawam once and for all, one of her most important contributions—all the kids loved her!

Thus, it seems fitting that Agawam children continue to be inspired to love books and reading through memorial gift books as part of Shirley A. (Richard) Carrier's ongoing legacy.

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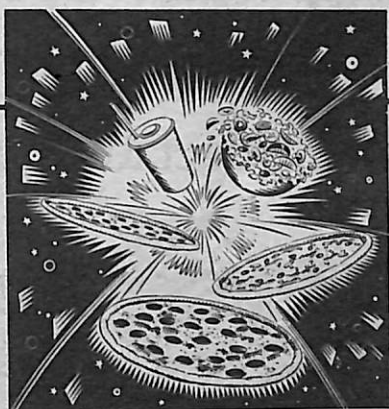
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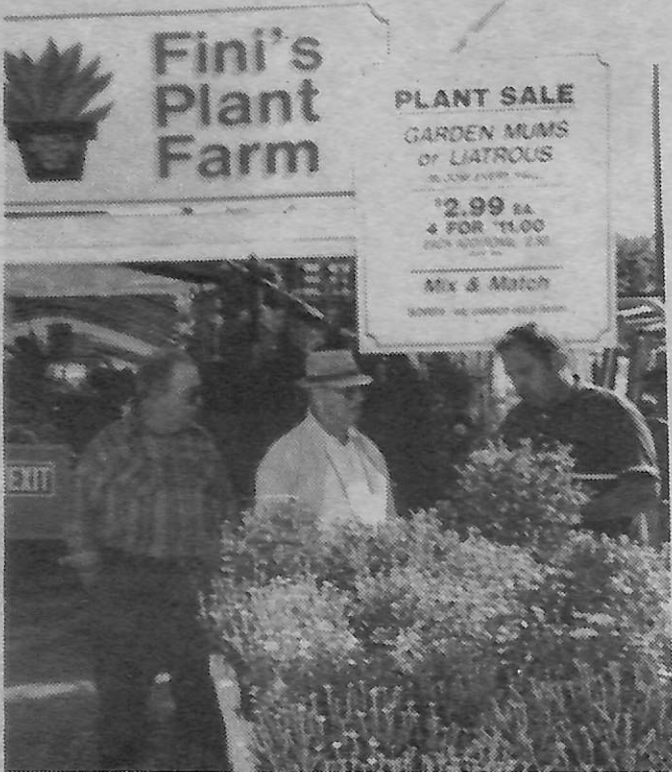
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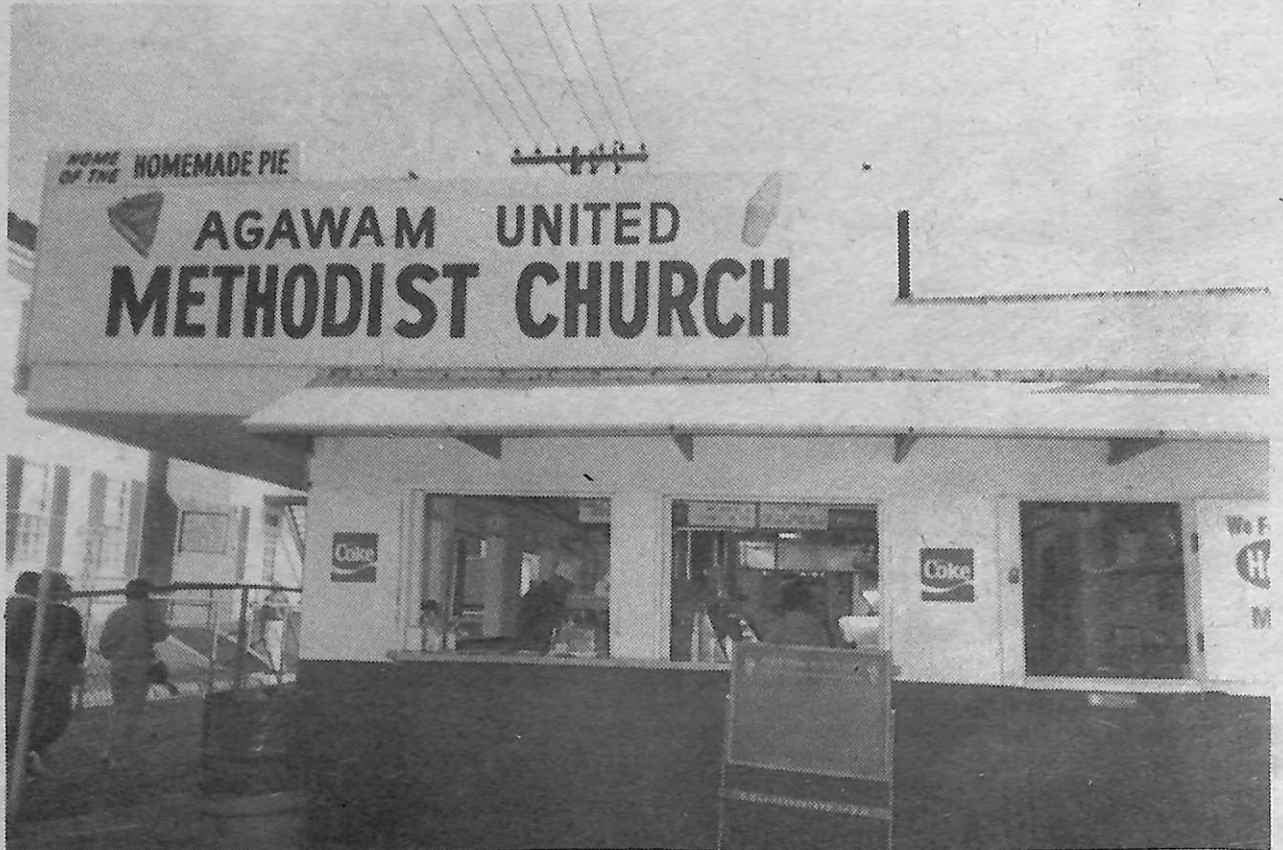
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AL FINI (right), owner and operator of Fini's Plant Farm in Feeding Hills, sells mums at The Big E. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH boasts that their booth is the home "of the homemade pie." And after sampling a piece of one of the pies made by the church, we think their boast is absolutely true. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



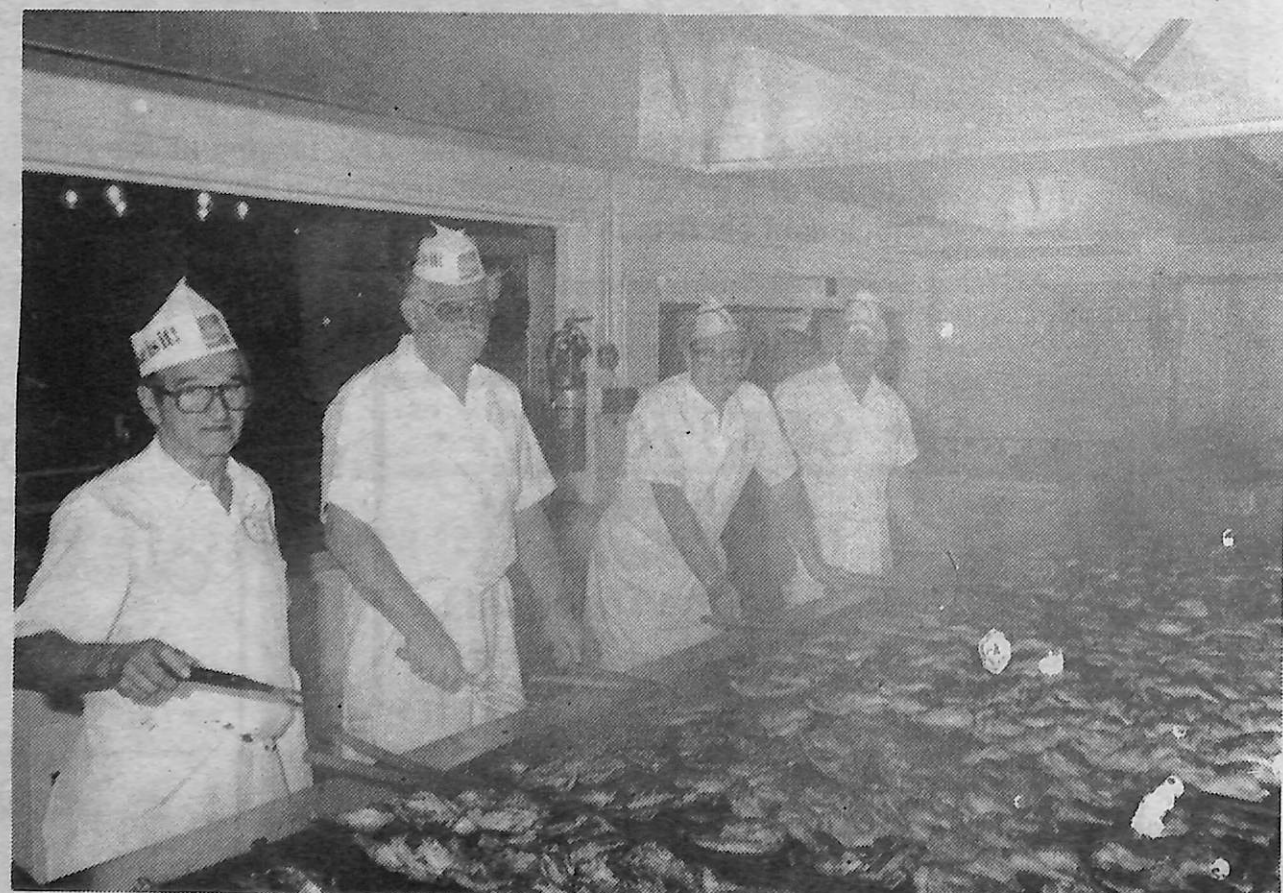
MRS. EDWARD T. MISH, wife of Silversmith Edward T. Mish of Springfield Street, Agawam, again had a booth in the Better Living Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



WHERE ELSE BUT THE AGAWAM LIONS DEN do Big E fairgoers go to enjoy a delicious barbecued chicken dinner for just \$6.95? In 1988, the Lions had another huge success during the fair's 12-day run. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

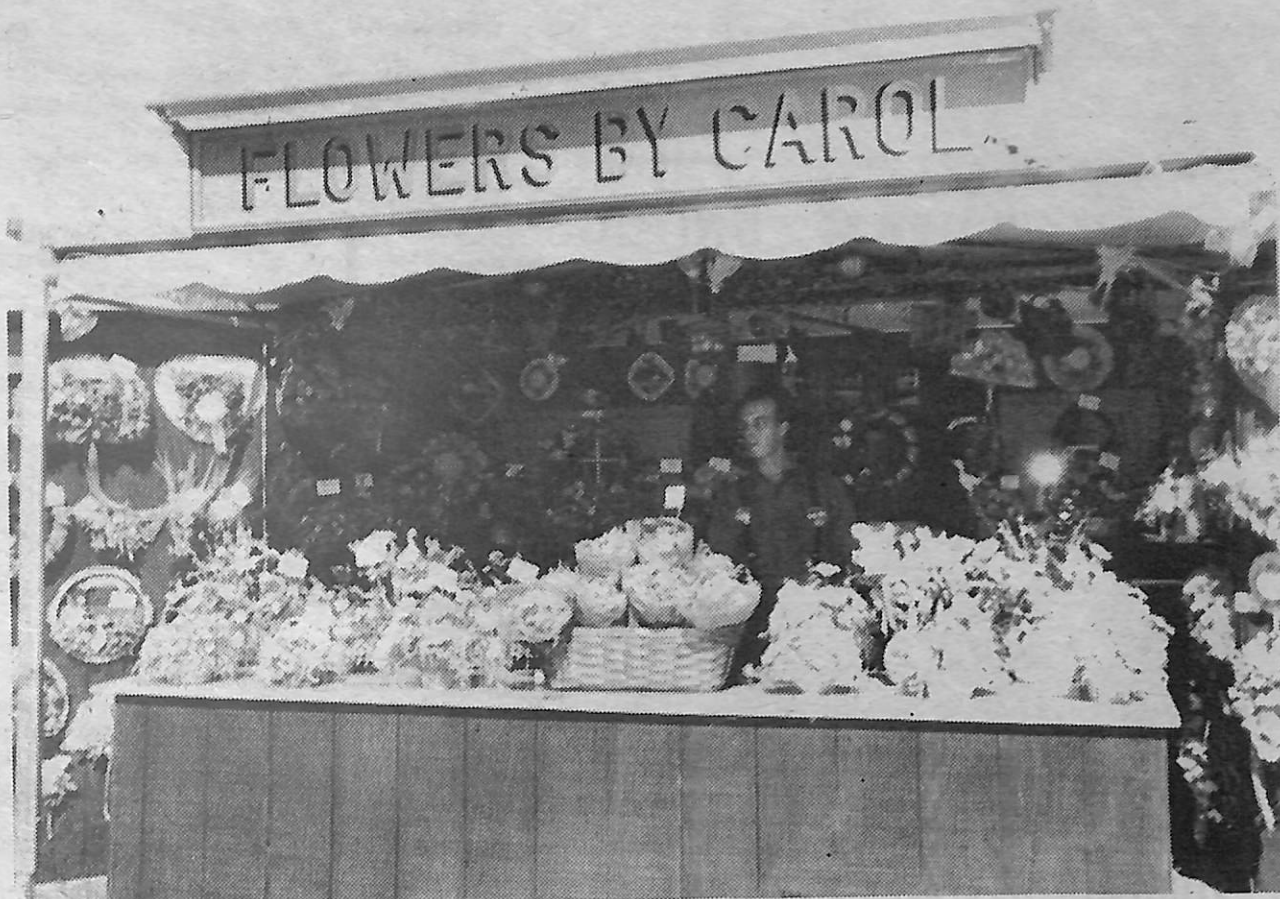


COVERING THE GENERAL STORE at Storowton Village are, from left - Jay Clark, Frank Pellerano, and Rose Pellerano. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

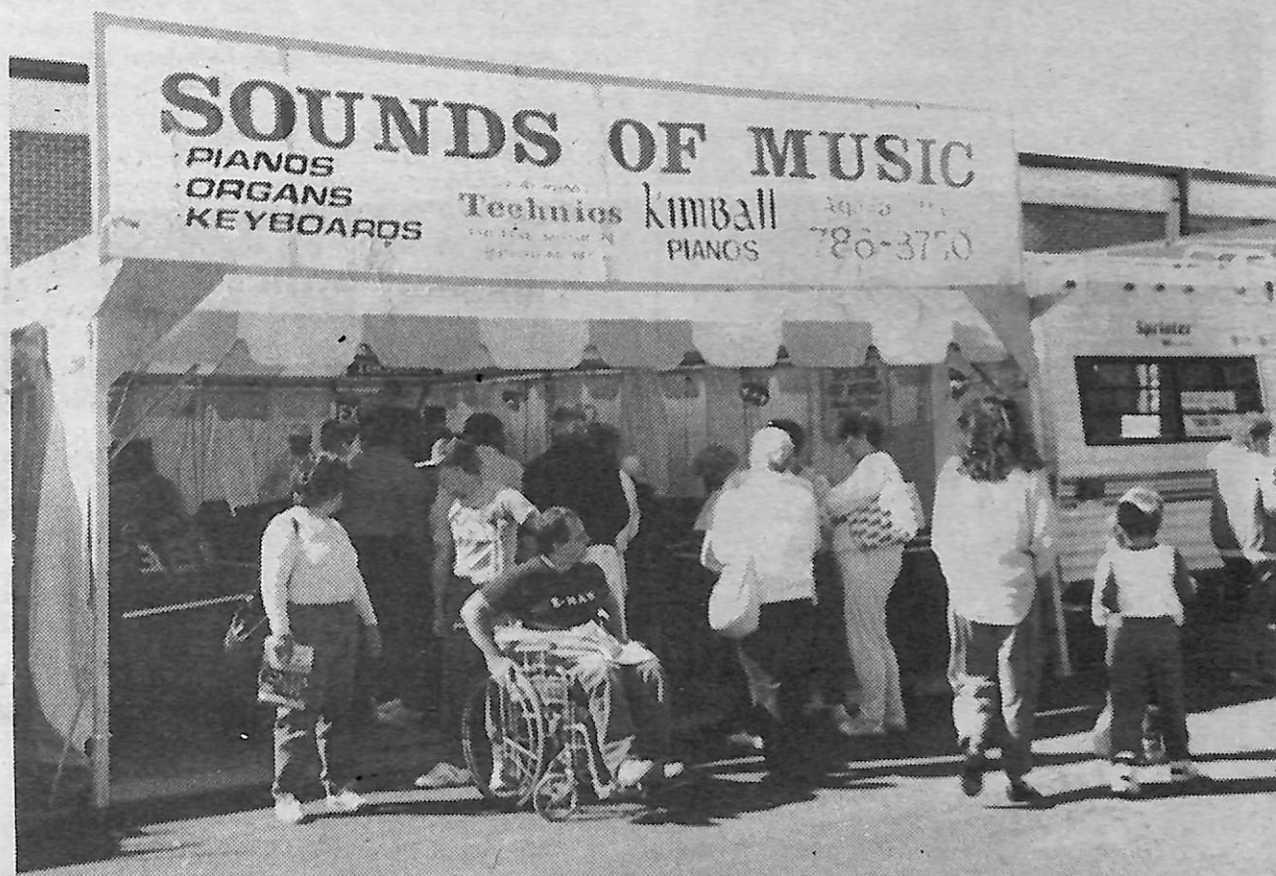


SELLING CHICKENS BY THE THOUSANDS - Cooks from the Agawam Lions Club couldn't believe the crowds that converged on the Lions Den to enjoy their famous barbecued chicken dinners. From left - Michael Alvaro, George Taupier, Bob Watson, and Allan Franklin. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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FLOWERS BY CAROL had an attractive booth at the Big E. In photo at right, pictured are Steven Tapply and Carol Hallock. The booth feature silk flowers, wreaths, decorative hats, and potpourri. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



SOUNDS OF MUSIC KEYBOARDS, located at the South End Bridge Circle, Agawam, and home of Kimball Pianos, set up shop at the Big E. At right, owner and operator Richie Mitnick said his firm is "In Tune With The Times." Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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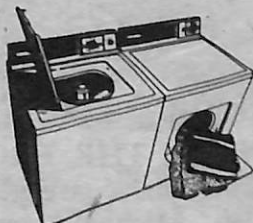
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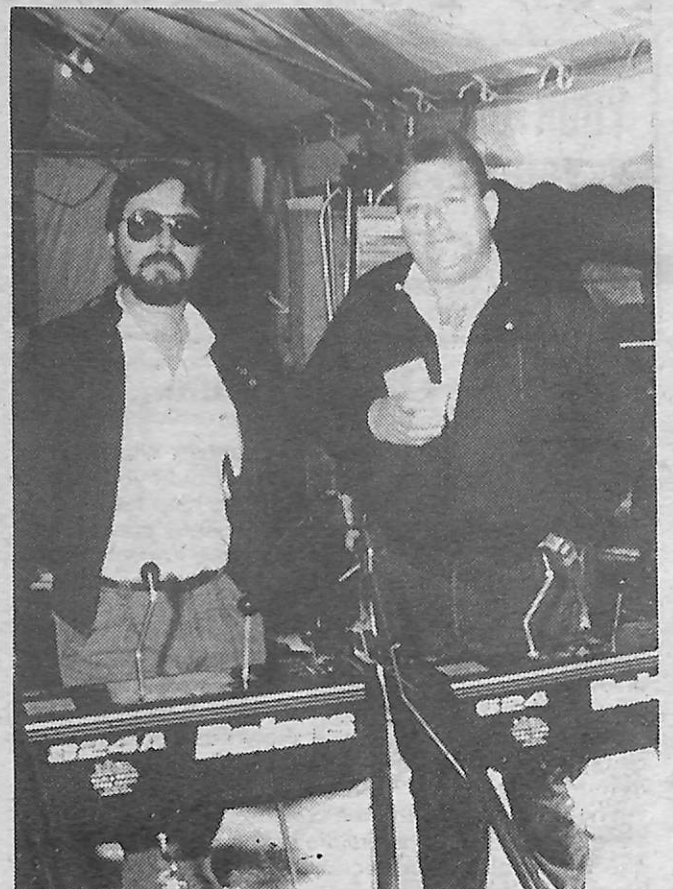
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CHIP CRISPINO and AL MCLEAN (owner) serve customers at the Allen Lawnmower Booth at The Big E. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FOR DECADES THE PARISHIONERS of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills have carried on the trademark of excellent with their popular restaurant on The Big E grounds. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FANTASTIC MAINE POTATOES were being served by a group of Agawam residents in the Maine State Building. From left - Maryellen Letellier, Peg Altobelli, Laura Lehberger, Carol Lehberger (manager), Marty Lehberger (manager), Al Daigneau, Tiny Daigneau, Susan Nadeau, and Brigetta Mahl. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Curvature Of The Spine...

QUESTION: Our 14 year-old daughter was recently told at school that she has scoliosis. Could you explain this condition and could chiropractic help her?

ANSWER: The term "scoliosis" means curvature of the spine. Some types of scoliosis have known causes, such as scoliosis secondary to the muscular weakness of polio, different types of nerve degeneration, and birth defects. Another very common type is called idiopathic scoliosis. The term "idiopathic" means "of unknown origin." When idiopathic scoliosis was named, the origin was unknown. Today experts in the area of spinal biomechanics have shown its cause to often be an imbalance of the muscular support to the spine from imbalanced nerve function.

The key to correcting the condition is to find the problem early, before irreversible changes take place. It is difficult to obtain correction when the scoliosis has progressed far enough for bone adaptation to take place. Scoliosis usually develops in the pre-teen or early teen years when the body is growing rapidly. The rapid growth and increasing curvature of the spine cause the vertebrae to grow in a wedge shape instead of square and level. The rib cage adapts to the bend and twist of the spine.

When the bones form in this position, it is almost impossible to obtain correction. Treatment at this advanced stage can retard or halt the progress of the scoliosis, but complete correction is not obtainable. The obvious answer to the problem is to find the imbalance when it first develops, thus preventing the abnormal bone formation.

Parents may be unaware of the early signs of developing scoliosis, and the condition has to be relatively advanced before it is recognized.

There are many signs of developing scoliosis that parents can look for. Observe your child's general structural balance. The pelvis, shoulders, and head should be level. The shoulderblades should be balanced and of equal distance from the spine. Look for an equal balance of the muscles on both sides of the spine. Adam's position is an orthopedic test to help visualize rotation of the spine and trunk. Have your child stand facing away from you. Have them bend forward at the waist as if to touch the toes with straight legs. As he bends forward, observe that the head, shoulders, trunk, and pelvis stay balanced all the way down.

These are some important things that may allow you to detect a scoliosis at its beginning so that appropriate treatment can be rendered. The Schlaffer Chiropractic Office offers a comprehensive screening with appropriate treatment.

YOUR Dental Health

by Dr. Stephen R. Jacapraro
1379 Main Street - Agawam, 786-8177

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Q. If you can feel a very small cavity or irregularity on the back of a tooth, with no pain, should you ignore it until there's some other, more urgent need for dental work?

A. No. Cavities should be treated as soon as they are detected. For one thing, they are easier and less costly to treat when they are small. More important: Cavities keep growing. Delay in obtaining dental treatment can lead to serious problems and possible loss of the tooth.

Bear in mind that a cavity doesn't appear overnight. The process of decay is going on before a person becomes aware of a cavity. Tooth deterioration continues until the dentist cleans out the decay and seals the cavity with a restoration filling.

Presented as a community service by **Stephen R. Jacapraro, D.M.D., 1379 Main Street, Agawam. PHONE: 786-8177.**

Diabetic Series Beginning At Providence Hospital Oct. 7th

The Providence Hospital Diabetic Teaching Program will present a series of free classes beginning Friday, October 7th, at 7:00 p.m., in the hospital conference room.

Mary Ellen Strzempko, R.N., C.D.E., Diabetic Teaching Nurse, said classes are open to all diabetics, their families and the public. No advanced registration is necessary.

Mrs. Strzempko also runs the hospital's blood sugar level testing on the second Thursday of every month. The next one will be held on October 13th, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., in the auditorium. Those taking the test must fast from midnight. No advanced registration is necessary. A \$2 donation is asked to cover some of the costs.

The October diabetic class schedule is as follows:
October 7th—An explanation of diabetes for diabetics including signs and symptoms.

October 14th—Administration of insulin, reactions, oral medications and signs of shock and coma.

October 21st—Blood and urine glucose monitoring, more shock and coma discussion and Dr. Robert Fleischer, Springfield podiatrist, will discuss foot care.

October 28th—Cathy Menard, R.D., Clinical Dietitian, will discuss diet and the entire program will be reviewed.

A question and answer period is part of each class. Persons with questions may contact Mrs. Strzempko at the hospital, 539-2938.

Providence Hospital Offers Standard First Aid Course

A "Standard First Aid" course is being offered at Providence Hospital on a "by registration only" basis in a special four session program.

John Pouloupoulos, EMT, course instructor, said the program will be held on four consecutive Tuesdays, October 11th, 18th, 25th, November 1st, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., in the Providence Hospital Outpatient Department, Room 115 of the Catherine Horan Medical Building adjacent to the hospital.

Pouloupoulos is a standard first aid instructor and an

Health & Wellness Fair At Senior Center Oct. 4

On Tuesday, October 4th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., a Health and Wellness Fair will be held at the Agawam Senior Center. The event is co-sponsored by Heritage Hall Nursing, Rehabilitation and Retirement Centers, and the Agawam Council on Aging.

More than 30 health care providers and organizations will participate by offering free examinations, screening, demonstrations, and informational mini-workshops.

"Supporting Community Health" is the primary goal for this event, emphasizes James Kebba, R.N., Staff Development coordinator for Heritage Hall, and Richard Mundo, director of the Agawam Senior Center.

The Senior Center has a perfect setting for an event of this kind, including private waiting and examining rooms, stage and audio equipment for special guest presentations, and state-of-the-art computer equipment, for high-risk disease screenings.

Heritage Hall is dedicated to providing the best quality health care for the elderly. The Agawam Council on Aging and Heritage Hall are committed to a "wellness" preservation philosophy. By offering the public information on prevention of disease from the experts, we hope to promote independence as well as help to maintain good health in residents of this and surrounding communities.

The Health and Wellness Fair is open to the public, and admission is free. For more information, call Jim Kebba, 786-8000, or Pauline Mercadante, 786-0400.

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Heart Association Explains "THE STROKE"

WHAT IS A STROKE?

A stroke occurs when the flow of blood to the brain is blocked. In order to function, brain cells must have a continuous, ample supply of oxygen-rich blood. If the brain cells don't get this supply of blood, they die. One of the frequent causes of stroke is the blockage of an artery by a clot that has formed inside it. When this happens, it's called a cerebral thrombosis, and a part of the brain doesn't receive the oxygen and nourishment it needs.

It's rare for a clot to form in a healthy artery, but when the inner walls of arteries become lined with thick, rough deposits of plaque (a condition known as atherosclerosis), the arteries are narrowed, the flow of blood slows, and clots are more likely to form. The reason is that blood is designed to clot when it comes in contact with foreign substances, and as the plaque builds up, the blood treats the plaque as an alien substance. Clotting results.

Sometimes a wandering clot is carried by the bloodstream until it lodges in one of the arteries of the brain and chokes off the flow of blood. This is called a cerebral embolism.

When a clot, either a thrombus or an embolus, plugs up a cerebral artery, the result is called a cerebrovascular occlusion, or more commonly, a stroke.

Stroke also occurs when a diseased artery in the brain bursts, flooding the surrounding tissue with blood. This is called a cerebral hemorrhage. (When a blood vessel on the surface of the brain bursts and blood floods the space between the brain and the skull, a subarachnoid hemorrhage occurs.) When these events happen, cells nourished by the artery are deprived of blood, while at the same time they're squeezed by the pressure that builds up inside the skull. The result is that they can't function. An added problem is that the accumulated blood from the ruptured artery soon forms a clot, which may displace or destroy brain tissue and interfere with brain function, causing physical disability.

Although cerebral hemorrhages don't all result from the same cause, they're more likely to occur when a person suffers from a combination of atherosclerosis

and high blood pressure.

Hemorrhage of an artery in the brain also may be caused by a head injury or by a burst aneurysm. Aneurysms are blood-filled pouches that balloon out from weak spots in the artery wall; they're often associated with high blood pressure. Aneurysms don't always cause trouble, but if one bursts in the brain, a stroke results.

When a stroke occurs, nerve cells in the damaged area of the brain can't function, so the part of the body that's controlled by this area of the brain can't function, either.

The usual result of a stroke is hemiparesis (paralysis of one side of the body). A stroke can also result in aphasia, which is the loss of the ability to speak or to understand the speech of others. Loss of memory can be another result of stroke. When the brain is damaged by stroke, the effects may be slight or severe, temporary or permanent, depending on which brain cells have been damaged and how widespread the damage is. Effects also depend on how well the body restores its blood supply.

Because injured brain cells can't heal or create new cells, the prevention of stroke by modifying risk factors is very important.

How To Recognize The Early Signals Of Stroke

The primary signal of a stroke is a sudden, temporary weakness or numbness of the face, arm and/or leg on one side of the body. Other signals include: temporary loss of speech, or trouble speaking or understanding speech; temporary dimness or loss of vision, particularly in one eye; unexplained dizziness, unsteadiness or sudden falls.

Many strokes can be prevented by diagnosing and controlling hypertension (high blood pressure), since hypertension is a leading cause of stroke. Sometimes major strokes are preceded by transient ischemic attacks or TIAs. These are "little strokes" whose effects are similar to the symptoms of a major stroke, except that they only last for a very short time. TIAs can occur days, weeks or months before a severe stroke, and so should be considered warning signals. Prompt medical or surgical attention to these symptoms can prevent a major stroke.

S.T.A.R.T. EXERCISING

by Patrick Carley, M.S., R.P.T.
S.T.A.R.T. Sports Medicine, Physical Therapy
60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-8908

DEAR S.T.A.R.T.:

I have been playing a lot of tennis with my buddies on the weekends. Lately, I've developed shoulder pain which my doctor calls "rotator cuff" tendinitis. What is a "rotator cuff" and what can I do for it?

Tennis Titan

DEAR MR. "T":

Rotator cuff tendinitis is a common problem for those weekend recreational athletes. Injuries are very typical when you don't swing a racket all week long and then suddenly jump into an all-out activity on the courts.

The rotator cuff consists of four muscles which are responsible for keeping the arm in its socket and for the rotatory motions of the arm. When any one of these muscles becomes weakened due to constant overuse, it causes the shoulder to become painful; specifically, those movements involving overhead swings. An irritation or a tear of the tendons of these muscles may lead to a condition known as tendinitis. The pain and discomfort is a result of an inflamed, swollen tendon rubbing repetitively against a bony surface.

The best thing is to gradually work your way into these activities. Take some time during the week to engage in these activities, especially if you know you'll be doing a lot of it on the weekend. You should keep in mind that stretching before exercising is very important. If you're a little sore after your weekend activities, a little ice to the shoulder for about 20 minutes and gentle stretching will calm that soreness down.

So remember, gradually ease your way into those weekend activities. Take some time to stretch those shoulder muscles. Once you've done this, you're ready for the courts and to regain your title of the "Tennis Titan." Remember, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to call us at S.T.A.R.T. Physical Therapy, 786-8908.

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Baystate Medical Center's Parent Education Department will present a four session program entitled “How Children Learn.”

The program will be offered from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Thursdays, October 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th, at the Executive Office Meeting Room in the Administration Building, 65 Springfield Street.

Early childhood specialist Sherry Burrell will present the series. Burrell is a contributor to “First Teacher Magazine.”

Topics of the program will include theories of learning, different learning styles, stages of growth and learning from infancy to adulthood, and factors which affect children's ability to learn.

Parents, teachers, nurses and others who are interested may attend. Registration deadline is October 3rd.

For more information, call the Parent Education Office at Baystate Medical Center, 784-BABY (2229).

Anorexia Nervosa Aid Society Sets Support Meeting Oct. 4th

People with eating disorders and their families are invited to the free monthly meeting of the Anorexia Nervosa Aid Society, a support group, on Tuesday, October 4th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in Memorial House at Mercy Hospital on Carew Street, Springfield. Guest speaker will be Chris Morrisson, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W., a specialist in treating eating disorders.

This is an open meeting of ANAS, a free educational and supportive program designed to help people with eating disorders and their loved ones.

The general public is welcome.

For more information, contact the Greater Springfield chapter of the Anorexia Nervosa Aid Society, 589-9241.

Mercy Hospital To Offer Stroke Education Program

The Mercy Hospital Department of Education will be offering “Understanding Stroke,” a special program for stroke victims and their family and friends, on Tuesday, October 4th, in the Memorial House Middle Classroom.

Marge Ott, R.N., patient educator and specialist in rehabilitation nursing, will present the program. “We will be offering an explanation of why strokes occur, the resulting behavior caused by brain damage, and suggestions on how family and friends can learn to cope with the new behaviors,” said Ms. Ott.

The program is free of charge and open to the public. Educational material will be distributed. For more information, call Patient Education, 781-9100, extension 5344, between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m., Monday through Friday.

Providence Hospital Offers Cholesterol Diet Class

A free, by registration only, “Cholesterol Diet Class,” will be held on three upcoming dates at Providence Hospital, according to Jill Liquori, RD, therapeutic dietitian, who will conduct the class.

Classes will be held on Wednesday, October 12th, Tuesday, October 25th, and Thursday, November 3rd, all from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., in the hospital auditorium. Registration will be necessary because space is limited for the class.

Ms. Liquori said the class is being held for those concerned about their cholesterol levels. The class will deal with shopping tips, label reading, dining out, and other aspects of diet and food preparation.

A question and answer period will be held. Persons interested in this free program should call 539-2478 for an appointment.

Arthritis Support Group To Host Neurosurgeon Dr. Stein

The Springfield Area Arthritis Support Group will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 4th, at 7:00 p.m. Neurosurgeon Sherman C. Stein, M.D., will speak about “Arthritis and Surgery of the Spine.” The meeting will be held at the Springfield Elks Lodge 61, 440 Tiffany Street, Springfield.

Arthritis Support Groups invite people with arthritis and their families to share common concerns, and become better informed about this disease. Groups meet once a month, are led by trained volunteers, and are sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation Massachusetts Chapter. Programs are free of charge and open to the public.

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Heritage Hall Campus News & Activities

RESIDENT OF THE WEEK Pauline Gibbs

Pauline Gibbs was born on June 4th, 1909 in Chicopee Falls, and was the daughter of Clifford & Eva Mercure. Pauline attended school through ninth grade when she left to help her parents in Chicopee.

Pauline's first job was at Westinghouse. She met Ronald J. Gibbs and later married him on January 14th, 1929. They moved to Feeding Hills and lived on Springfield Street. Pauline & Ronald had three boys, William, Richard, and Gary, all of whom attended Agawam schools.

Pauline was self-employed as a beautician and did hairdressing in her home until 1970. She is a member of St. David's Church and also Community Grange 382. Her son, Richard, passed away in 1980. Pauline's other two sons, William and Gary, and their wives, Barbara and Connie, reside in West Springfield.

Pauline was the oldest of six children, five girls and one boy. Her brother died, so Pauline has four sisters living—Doris Lynch, Beatrice Whalen, Rita Morrissey, and Vivian Levesque. They are regular visitors here at Heritage Hall.

Pauline tells us that Heritage Hall Nursing Home is a nice place to be in. She joined the oil painting class with Ted Crowley and loves it! Pauline's next project will be an oil painting of St. David's Church in Feeding Hills and will be donated to Reverend Len Cowen and the parishioners.

RESIDENT OF THE WEEK Edna O'Melia

Edna was born in the Willimansett section of Chicopee on June 7th, 1906. She attended local schools. After graduation she enrolled in New England School of Floral Design in Boston. She also attended Bay Path Junior College.

After an office romance, she married John O'Melia in 1935. They had one daughter. She held various positions as a secretary to advertising personnel and purchasing agents in the School Department. She was also affiliated with Westover Air Force Base. Edna was a policy writer for Aetna Casualty and Surety Company when she retired in 1966.

She traveled after her retirement and enjoyed such hobbies as flower arranging, arts and crafts, playing cards, and reading.

Since her husband's death in 1959, she has remained very close to her daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren. Her daughter, Mary Anne LeBlanc, is employed with the Financial Aid Department of Mount Holyoke College. Her son-in-law, Bob, is very important to her. She depends on him to advise her and help her work through any problems or concerns that she might have.

Edna's two grandchildren, Suzanne, a dental hygienist, and David, an insurance supervisor, keep in close touch.

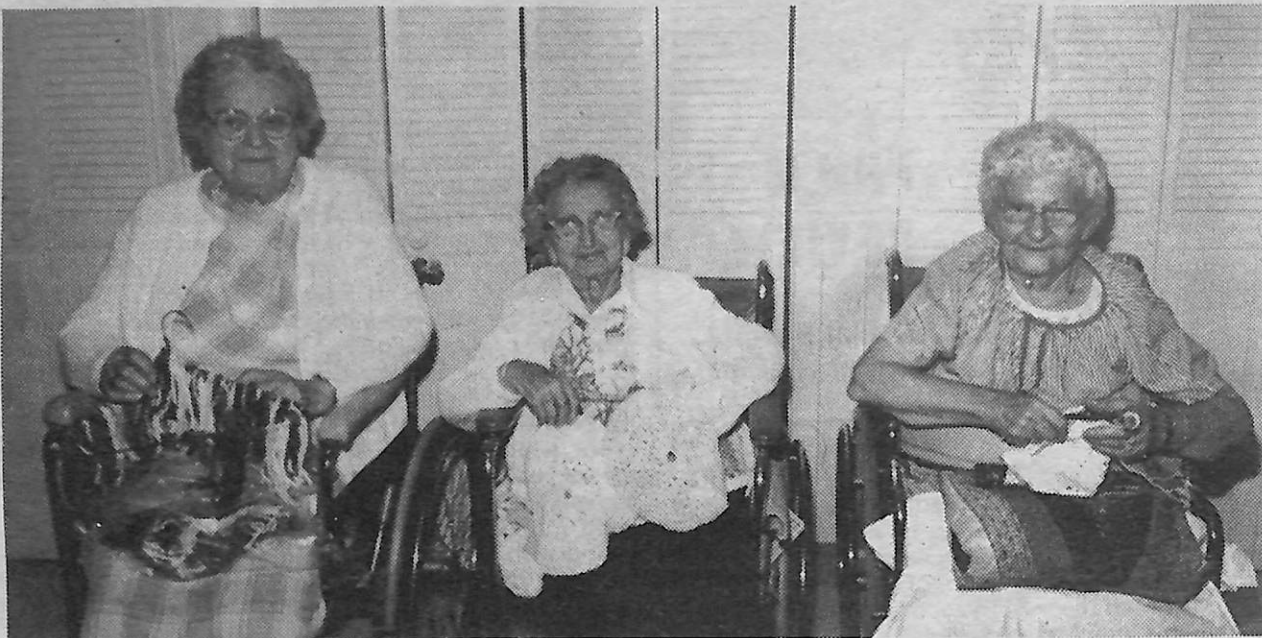
She continues to lead an active life at Heritage Hall participating in religious programs and various social activities. Heritage Hall is proud to have Edna as a member of its family.

I Remember by Colombe Reynolds

"I was born in a little town six miles from Berry, Vermont. Since I attended high school in Berry, a good size city, I thought myself to be a city girl. Following my graduation from high school, at the age of 18, I was accepted at the Fanny Allen Hospital School of Nursing. In my day higher education for women was limited.

Ethan Allen, the Vermont patriot, embarked upon a search for an appropriate school for his daughter, Fanny, to attend. Although the Allen family was of Protestant faith, they chose a Catholic convent located in Montreal, Canada. During her stay, Fanny converted her faith to Catholic and made the decision to enter the convent as well as becoming a nurse.

Ethan Allen fully supported his daughter's endeavors and presented her with land located in Winooski, the



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by Jack Devine.

sight of the Fanny Allen Hospital located near Burlington and Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont.

Well, I strayed away from my "I Remember," didn't I! Going off to nurse's training was my first experience away from home and it was quite a different world as they say. It didn't take long for my true self to surface, that of a country bumpkin, replacing that of a city girl. After three years of training, my city girl image was back intact and I was ready to give my profession my best."

I Remember by Arnold Asher

"This is a true story, believe it or not! When I was about 14 years-old, my parents took me on a trip to Canada. My mother had cousins in Montreal, Three Rivers, and Shawinigan Falls. After visiting all our relatives, my parents decided to go to St. Ann de Beaupre, the Shrine of Saint Anne.

We had heard through our local parish priest about the many miracles that had occurred at this site. As we were sitting in the Shrine praying, a man about 40 years-old came down the center aisle on crutches. He made his way up to the altar, standing on his crutches, praying. Suddenly he dropped both crutches and stood alone without support. He then turned around and walked out of the church shouting, "I'm cured, I'm cured!" Later, when my family left the church, he was sitting on the steps crying with joy.

There are dozens of leg braces and crutches surrounding the altar today in the Shrine of St. Anne. This is why I truly believe in miracles."



EDNA O'MELIA
"Resident of the Week"

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TRIPS:

A trip is being planned for December 8th. It will be our annual "Mystery Trip." Reservations will open soon.

BAZAAR '88:

The date has been set for the Senior Center Bazaar for Friday, November 18th, and Saturday, November 19th. Friday hours will be 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The kitchen will offer a light dinner menu on Friday night this year for your convenience.

HEALTH FAIR:

Plan on visiting the Health Fair at the Agawam Senior Center on Tuesday, October 4th. There will be more than 20 participating organizations. You will be able to have your cholesterol tested, blood pressure checked, talk to a dentist and have an oral exam, and many, many more services will be available. The hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Health Fair is a joint venture with Heritage Hall and the Council On Aging.

Congratulations to Rose Alvergini for placing first for her watercolor painting in the Senior Adult Art Exhibit held at the Springfield Jewish Community Center. The exhibit hours are from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., and will continue to October 14th. We are proud to say that Rose is a member of one of the Senior Center's paint classes.

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PHILM REVIEW

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Entertainment Editor

—Dead Ringers: 1½ STARS

A sleep-inducing thriller about a pair of identical twin gynecologists (both played by Jeremy Irons) who become romantically involved with a drug-addicted actress (Genevieve Bujold), and what happens to the relationship between these brothers as a result of their affairs with this woman.

Inspired by a true story but essentially a work of fiction, *Dead Ringers* is the brainchild of David Cronenberg, a Canadian horror director who has continually exhibited a penchant for "gross-out" special effects with such films as *Scanners*, *Videodrome*, and the 1986 version of *The Fly*. This time around, however, Cronenberg has considerably restrained himself in the area of gore and violence; yet, at the same time, he has also restrained himself from turning out a picture that can be regarded as genuinely entertaining.

Admittedly, *Dead Ringers* does showcase some excellent performances, namely those by Irons (*The Mission*) as a pair of creepy twin brothers with divergent yet troubled personalities, and Bujold (*Tightrope*) as a downbeat woman with some serious emotional problems. What's more, the movie itself makes some perceptive and disturbing observations about the psychological nature of twinhood, and this aspect of its story creates some eerie tension.

Nevertheless, *Dead Ringers* is, on the whole, not a recommendable chiller because it happens to be one of the dullest flicks that I have seen in years. This film moves along at a stupefyingly slow pace, and the resulting lifelessness weakens its plot's initially high level of suspense to the point where the entire story stops being truly frightening and grows downright tedious.

In spite of the fact that it has been getting some very positive reviews, I have a feeling that *Dead Ringers* won't wind up as one of 1988's blockbusters. On the evening I saw it, a good number of people were constantly yawning through it, and everyone in the theater groaned with displeasure and made a quick dash to the exits the moment it ended.

Therefore, if this particular audience is indicative of what the public at large is going to think of it, then this is one horror picture that won't be playing for a particularly long time.

—Eight Men Out: 2½ STARS

Written and directed by acclaimed independent filmmaker John Sayles (*Matewan*), this skillfully acted but dramatically inert picture chronicles the real-life story of the 1919 "Black Sox" scandal, wherein eight Chicago White Sox players were accused of conspiring with notorious, mob-related gangsters and throwing

the World Series that year in order to rake in more money than they could ever earn throughout their careers in baseball.

Eight Men Out boasts top-notch ensemble acting by a cast of well-chosen and very talented performers, including John Cusack (*Hot Pursuit*), Charlie Sheen (*Young Guns*), and D.B. Sweeney (*Gardens of Stone*) as three of the aforementioned players; Clifton James (*Superman II*) in the part of the tightwad owner of the Chicago White Sox; and director Sayles himself and author Studs Terkel as two prominent sportswriters of the post-World War I era.

But, while Sayles' work in front of the camera is worthy of considerable praise, his efforts behind the camera leave a bit to be desired. Though he does a good job of recreating the atmosphere of this time period with appropriate costumes, music, and set furnishings, he falls short of the mark when it comes to conveying this inherently intriguing, true-life story.

Thanks to his surprisingly languid direction and screenplay, the movie is needlessly ploddy and confusing, and despite the admirable endeavors of the entire cast, most of the characters are one-dimensional individuals with shallow personalities.

A film of noble intentions, *Eight Men Out* does succeed in illustrating how greed and corruption can damage the integrity and sportsmanship of a competitive game such as baseball. Yet, due to its undeniable shortcomings, this picture will appeal only to those people who have an interest in baseball history, and thus, will definitely receive, at best, a lukewarm response from general moviegoers.

—Kansas: 2 STARS

A hokey and clichéd drama about an ex-con drifter (Matt Dillon) and a naive, cross-country traveller (Andrew McCarthy) who become fast friends while stowing away aboard a Midwestern train, and how their chance meeting soon creates a turbulent series of events in a small Kansas town and changes the course of their lives forever.

Instead of boring you with a multitude of convoluted plot details, let me just say that *Kansas* contains a most implausible storyline which is riddled with enough melodramatic situations to last for a month on a typical, daytime soap opera.

However, on the positive side, this corny film features a trio of solid performances that somehow manage to render it as endurable, mediocre entertainment. Although they have yet to become Academy Award-caliber actors, both Dillon (*The Big Town*) and McCarthy (*Less Than Zero*) deliver engagingly credible portrayals that represent some of their finest work in a long, long time.

And, best of all, Canadian newcomer Leslie Hope is quite delightful as McCarthy's love interest in the picture. This young actress not only makes the most of her one-note role, but she also demonstrates that she possesses the kind of commanding screen presence which could really shine through in a worthwhile and demanding part.

—Moon Over Parador: 2½ STARS

This lightweight satire stars Richard Dreyfuss as a workaholic New York actor who performs the most difficult role of his career when he is coerced into impersonating the dictator of a turbulent Central American country when that autocratic ruler suffers an untimely demise.

The best thing about *Moon Over Parador* is its impressive and energetic performances. Dreyfuss (*Stakeout*) is extremely funny as a high-strung and neurotic thespian who unwittingly becomes embroiled in political intrigue and winds up influencing the future of a nation which is unaware of the fact that their leader is actually an imposter.

Meanwhile, equally good portrayals are given by Raul Julia (*The Morning After*) in the part of the suavely nefarious chief of police who continually gets Dreyfuss' character to do his bidding; Brazilian actress Sonia Braga (*The Milagro Beanfield War*) as the late dictator's simultaneously beautiful and brainy mistress; and veteran comedian Jonathan Winters in the role of a gruff CIA agent.

Unfortunately, the movie itself is nowhere near as good as its high-quality acting. Producer-director Paul Mazursky (*Down and Out in Beverly Hills*), who also co-wrote the faulty screenplay, wants *Moon Over Parador* to be a scathing parody of the world of acting, the nature of Central American politics, and the United States' involvement in Central America by way of the CIA.

But, instead of tackling this material with biting and irreverent humor, he takes a wishy-washy, TV sit-com approach to his subject matter, thereby turning this potentially hilarious film into just a moderately comical farce. *Moon Over Parador* certainly has many amusing and enjoyable moments, but in the end, it is the kind of comedy which leaves you feeling that it could—and should—have been much, much better.

—Stealing Home: 2½ STARS

A heartwarming yet flawed drama about a down-and-out baseball player (Mark Harmon) who returns to his hometown after learning of the death of a woman who was once a close friend of his during his youth, and how he reminisces about their long-ago, joyous days together as a means of dealing with his bleak, present existence.

In its attempt to be a nostalgic, slice-of-life story, *Stealing Home* continually jumps back-and-forth between present-day scenes in the life of Harmon's character and those which depict his childhood and teenage years with Katie (Jodie Foster), a girl who's six years his senior and who, as an off-camera adult, is dead at the start of the film.

However, what hampers the overall impact of this picture is that we never learn enough about the intervening years in the lives of either of these two people. Between the flashbacks and present-day moments lie approximately 20 years that are generally unaccounted for in this story, and we're left with a good number of questions as to what happened to them during this lengthy period of time and how these years eventually affected their lives.

Still, *Stealing Home* is a tender and well-meaning movie that effectively touches the heart. The flashback scenes provide the film with its greatest emotional strength, as they focus on the trials and tribulations of youth in a warmly humorous manner that brings to mind Rob Reiner's highly popular *Stand By Me*.

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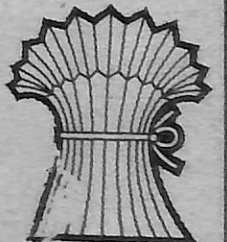


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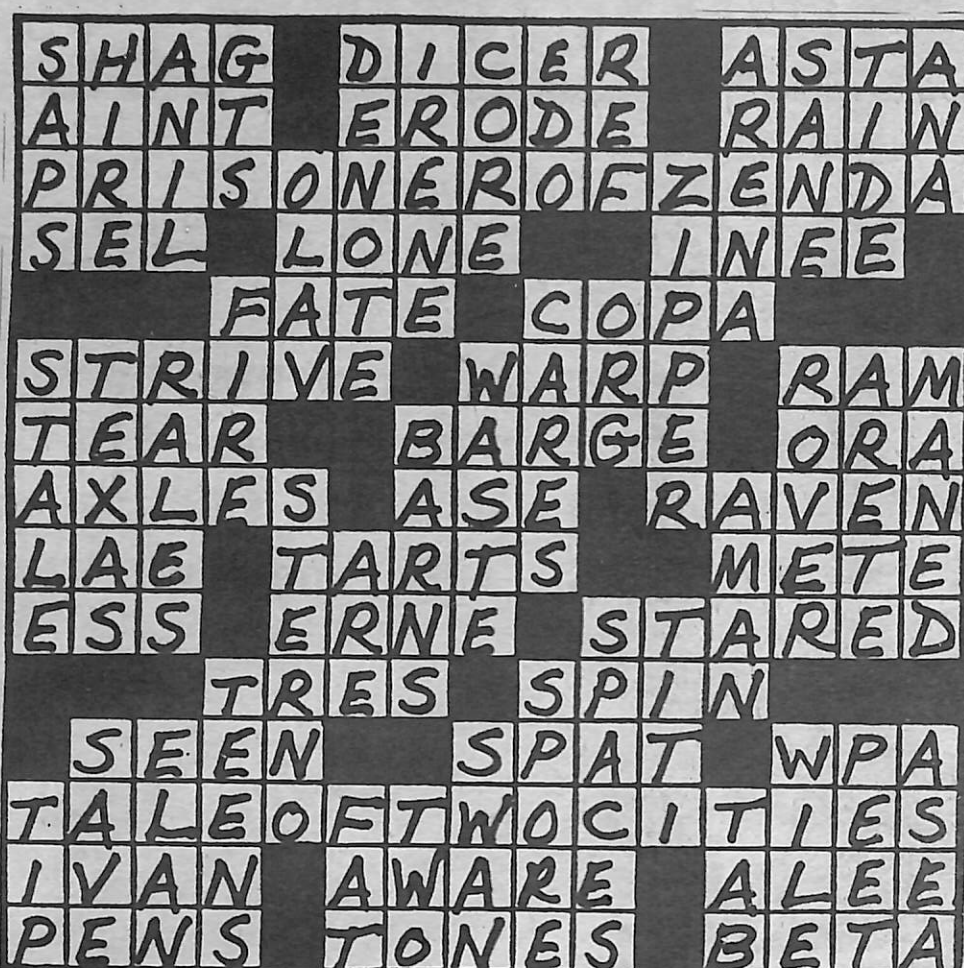
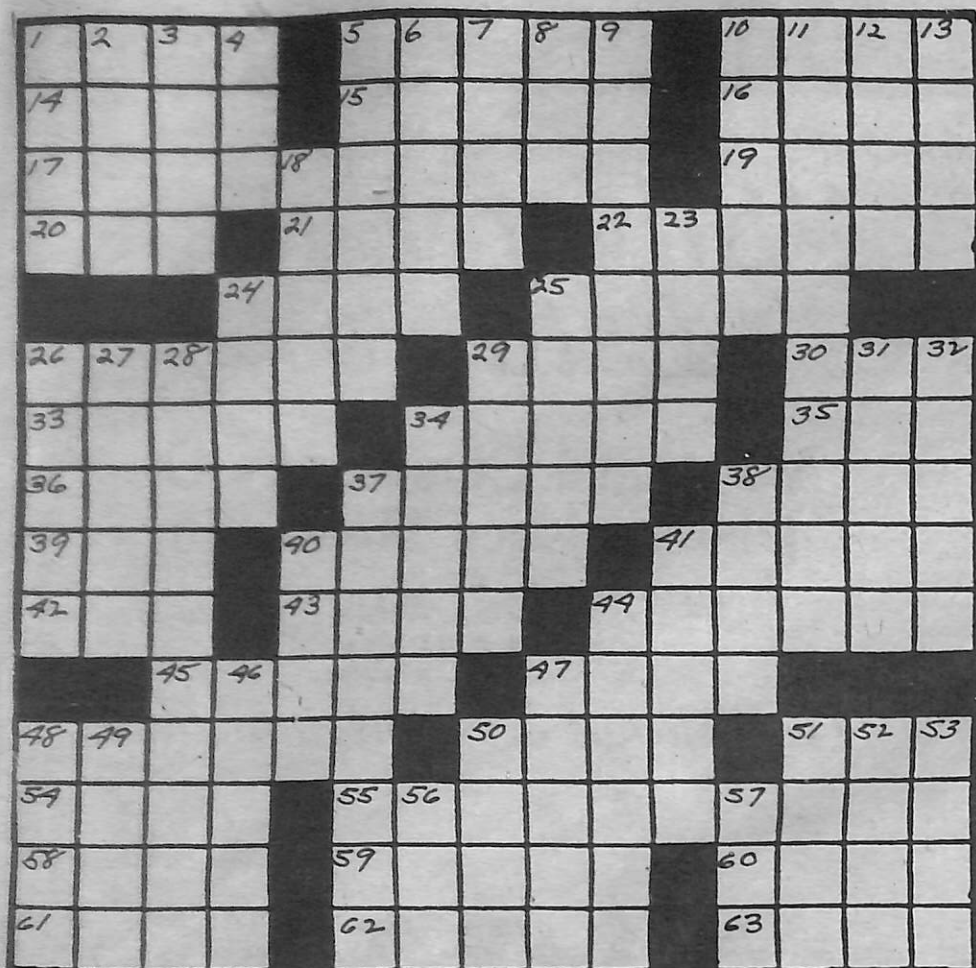
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In the meantime, most of the performances are worthy of much praise. Foster (*The Hotel New Hampshire*) is outstanding in the role of the youthful and free-spirited Katie, as is Harold Ramis (*Ghostbusters*) as the adult incarnation of Harmon's best friend from his childhood days.

Harmon himself, unfortunately, comes off as the weakest thing in the picture. His performance is not so much bad as it is painfully mediocre, and since this unforgettable acting is a follow-up to two equally unimpressive portrayals in the movies *Summer School* and *The Presidio*, I can wholeheartedly say that this one-time television actor should go back to working on television.

*THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

- *Dead Ringers*: Rated R for some horrific bloodshed, nudity, and adult themes.
- *Eight Men Out*: Rated PG for some strong language.
- *Kansas*: Rated R for some strong violence, profanity, and adult situations.
- *Moon Over Parador*: Rated PG-13 for mildly adult situations and humor.
- *Stealing Home*: Rated PG-13 for some mature humor, language, and situations.

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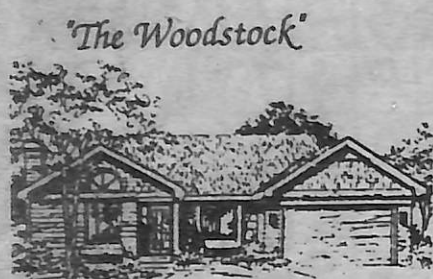
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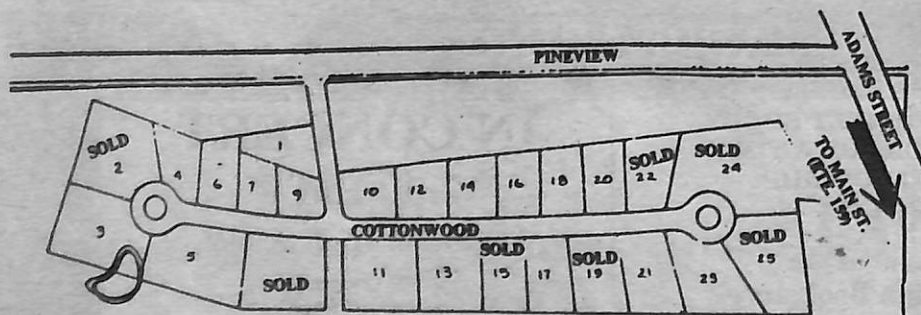


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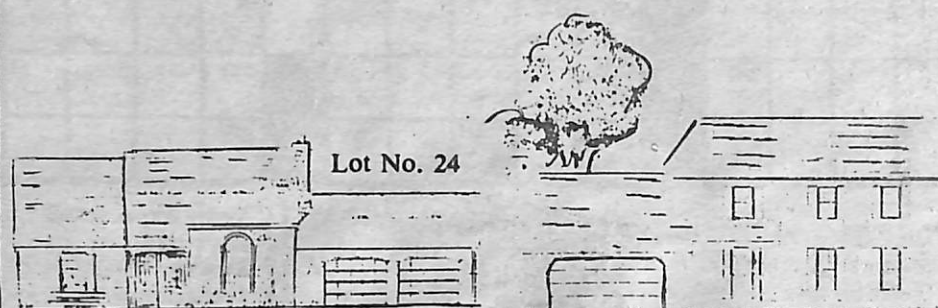
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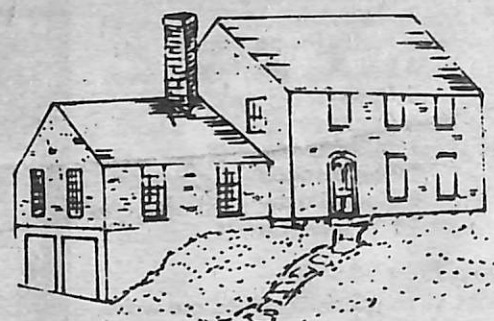


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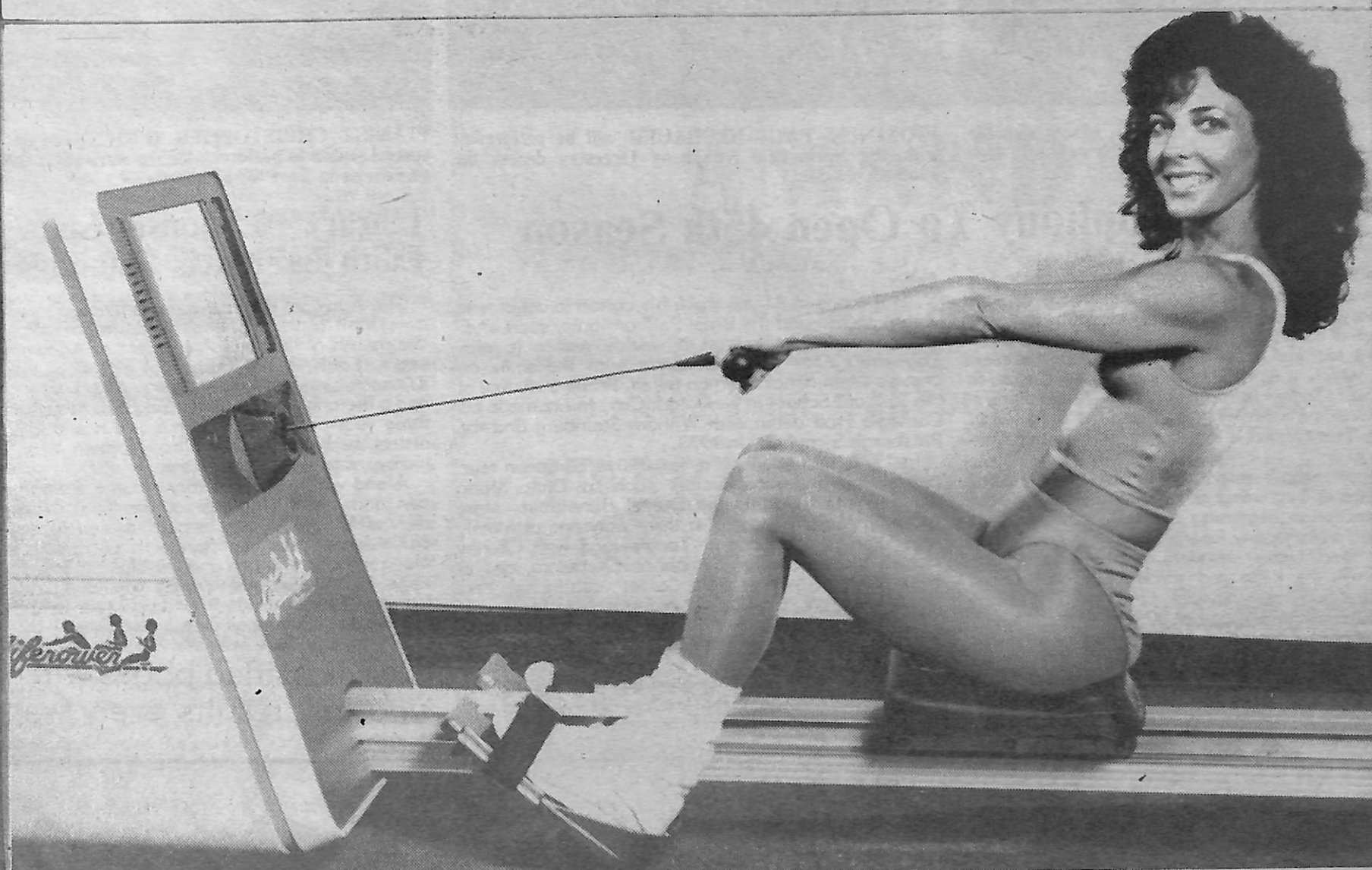
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Springfield Symphony To Open 45th Season

The Springfield Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Music Director Raymond Harvey, will begin its 45th Anniversary Season in Symphony Hall Saturday, October 8th, at 8:00 p.m. Violin virtuoso Shlomo Mintz will be the featured guest artist at the Sapphire Gala Concert, which will include Adams' *The Chairman Dances*, Saint-Saens' *Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso*, Dvorak's *Symphony No. 7*, and the Berg *Violin Concerto*. This concert is sponsored by Resource Control, Inc.

The Sapphire Gala festivities will also include a pre-concert dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m., and a post-concert reception beginning at 10:00 p.m., in Symphony Hall's Mahogany Room. Sapphires courtesy of A Carat And Under Jewelers, Court Square, Springfield, will be displayed throughout the dinner. Tickets cost \$50 per person, and may be reserved by calling 733-0636 by September 30th.

Shlomo Mintz, hailed by critics, audiences, and colleagues for his musicianship, technique, and stylistic versatility, is one of today's most accomplished violinists. Born in Moscow in 1937 and reared in Israel, he began his violin studies at the age of six, with Ilona

Feher.

At the age of 11, he made his concerto debut with Zubin Mehta and the Israel Philharmonic; soon afterward, he was called on a week's notice to play Paganini's *First Violin Concerto* with the same orchestra when Itzhak Perlman fell ill. While a student at the Juilliard School in New York City, Mintz made his Carnegie Hall debut with William Steinberg and the Pittsburgh Symphony in 1973.

In 1977, he undertook an extensive European tour, performing under conductors such as Carlo Maria Giulini, Antal Dorati, and Daniel Barenboim. More recently, Mintz appeared in three concerts at Mostly Mozart, a performance at Tanglewood with Charles Dutoit and the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and in concert at Ravinia with Soviet conductor Yuri Temirkanov and the Chicago Symphony.

Tickets for the October 8th concert are available at the new Springfield Symphony Box Office, mezzanine level, Baystate West, or by calling PHONECHARGE: 733-2291. This concert is partially funded by the Massachusetts Council for Arts and Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Library To Sponsor Show Of Edith LaFrancis Paintings

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to announce an exhibit of the paintings of Edith LaFrancis during the month of October. A resident of Agawam for 83 years, Edith is the author of the book, *Agawam, Massachusetts: A Town History*. Mrs. LaFrancis has had a lifelong interest in painting. She has completed a three year commercial course and has studied under artists such as John Phelps, Norman Lear, Walter Kamys, and Wadsworth Hine.

Along with a local history column, Edith has done pen and ink illustrations for the "old" *Agawam Independent* newspaper. The paintings on display will include landscapes and florals in oil and watercolor, along with several pen and ink illustrations. The paintings will be on view during regular library hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 to 9; Friday, 9 to 6; Saturday, 9 to 5; closed on Columbus Day.

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The crisp autumn air and peak foliage will create the perfect backdrop for a stroll through the lovely town of East Lyme, which was home and a source of inspiration for many American Impressionist painters. During a walking tour of Old Lyme, travellers will visit historic sites and marvel at the great basins of light and water that so inspired the Impressionist artists.

The day will be capped off with a visit to the Lyman Allyn Museum in New London, the lovely sea coast town that Art on the Go participants visited last spring. Travellers will be able to view the permanent collection, including 10 galleries of treasures encompassing silver and pewter, dolls, toys, and sculptures and paintings.

Lunch will be at the elegant Elephant Walk Restaurant in Old Lyme.

For information on registering, call the Travel Program, 733-4214.

Lasting Impressions: French and American Impressionism from New England Museums is on view from September 25th through November 27th at the Springfield Museum of Fine Arts. Generous funding from the Springfield Institution for Savings has made this show possible. On view are about 65 paintings, gathered from over 20 New England museums, and representing such important Impressionist painters as Monet, Degas, Renoir, Cassatt, and Hassam.

Agawam Arts Council Continues First Friday

The Agawam Arts and Humanities Council has for the second event in the First Friday series, Patty Carpenter, jazz vocalist.

Patty Carpenter will present a concert at the Agawam Junior High School on October 7th at 7:15 p.m. She will be accompanied by recording artist, Tom McClung, on the piano.

In the 18 years that she has been performing professionally, she has appeared in Boston, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and at local clubs and colleges in the Pioneer Valley. She has studied with Archie Shepp, Max Roach and Billy Taylor in the "Jazz in July" program at the University of Massachusetts.

Show tunes and jazz standards from the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s will be in her repertoire.

Admission is free to the public. Funding provided by the Massachusetts Arts Lottery.

Granville Harvest Fair To Be Held October 9th

The Fifth Annual Harvest Fair will be held at the Old Meeting House and Town Hall on Route 57 in Granville, Saturday, October 8th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, October 9th, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.; Monday, October 10th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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A natural way to enjoy New England fall foliage is to head north to Vermont—and that is exactly what the Travel Program of the Springfield Art Museums will do on Tuesday, October 11th. Travellers will bask in the luxuriant richness of Vermont foliage while visiting the Bennington Museum and lunching at the lovely Wilber-ton Inn in Manchester, Vermont.

The day's itinerary will also include a stop at Robert Todd Lincoln's Hildene, a 24-room Georgian revival mansion in the scenic Vermont village of Manchester.

The Bennington Museum houses extensive collections of decorative arts, furniture, paintings, and historical artifacts from Vermont and New England. It also holds one of the major collections of American glass and the largest public collection of works by folk artist Grandma Moses.

Although she did not begin painting until she was in her 70s, Anna Mary Robertson Moses completed more than 1,500 paintings before she died in 1961 at age 101. She was a frequent visitor to the Bennington area and painted several views of the town, on display now

in the museum. The schoolhouse she attended was relocated to museum grounds in 1972 and houses family memorabilia.

Bennington's glass collection includes over 5,000 pieces of American-made glass, including over 1,000 different patterns in the pressed glass goblet series. Also on view at the museum are pottery pieces produced between 1793 and 1894 by the well-known Norton family.

The Hildene Mansion was built at the turn of the century as a summer home for Robert Todd Lincoln and his family. Robert Lincoln was the only one of the four Abraham Lincoln sons to survive to maturity. Many family possessions can be seen on display and the authentic furnishings were used by the Lincoln family for nearly 75 years. Each visitor to Hildene is treated to a short concert on the Aeolian pipe organ, installed in 1908.

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Education

Educator Of The Month...

Agawam High's Art Gage Closing On 20 Years Of Teaching Physics

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Arthur Gage came to Agawam High School for the 1969-70 school year to teach physics and has taught there ever since.

Electro, atomic and nuclear physics are among the class studies under Gage's watchful eye. "We try to relate various things in physics. We study Riverside Amusement Park's Loop and Cyclone roller coasters achieving artificial weightlessness. It's the same sensation achieved in outer space. That's the thrill of the amusement park rides," said Gage.

"In Russia and Sweden, children in sixth and seventh grade are taught about the relationship of physics and technology. We are the only advanced technological country that fails to educate our children about physics at a younger age," he said. "And that's too bad," added Gage.

"Very few seniors know about the radiation and the effects of our technology in society. For example, nitrogen oxides in the exhaust fumes of a natural gas stove are more harmful than emissions from a microwave oven because that is non-ionizing radiation," said Gage.

About 15 years ago Gage instituted a one-half year program, which he still teaches, in astronomy at AHS. "Last year we had eight or nine telescopic observations." At present the class is concentrating on studying Mars because of its close proximity to Earth's orbit this year.

Gage also teaches Advanced Placement Physics for high ability students at AHS. He said, "The kids can earn college credits taking this course." He received his bachelor of arts at Hartwick College in New York and represents the Admissions Department when attending fairs. Last year he wrote 45 recommendations to colleges for AHS students. He said, "We (teachers) spend a lot of (our own) time writing these. A lot of teachers do this for their students. They take about one-half hour each to prepare."

Gage received his master's from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1972 and is certified to teach physics. He said, "I think we have an outstanding faculty at AHS. We have certified teachers in all three science classes—chemistry, physics, and biology. Most (teachers) have master's degrees, which is almost unheard of in high schools today because the private

sector is constantly drawing teachers out of the classroom."

Gage has continued his own education over the years with varied courses at Smith College, WPI, RPI, Boston State College, State University of New York (at Oneonta) and S.T.C.C.

Gage also tutors physics in private homes in the area and said, "I really enjoy the one-on-one." He also taught summer enrichment (1973-79) and adult education programs (1974-81) in Agawam.

In the summer of 1980 while attending RPI's "Alternate Energy Sources," he received an award from RPI for his "Passive Solar Demonstration Design Excellence in Thermal Comfort."

Gage built this design into a working project at his own home on Cosgrove Avenue, Feeding Hills. His family enjoys the benefits of 200 gallons of stored water and a savings in fuel costs of \$200-\$300 per year.

In 1986, Gage received an award from Our Lady of Elms College for "Excellence in Secondary Education—Outstanding High School Teacher." Only 20 of these awards were given throughout the Greater Hartford-Springfield area.

During that same year he was nominated for the "Presidential Award for Secondary Science and Math Teachers." "I had to write an essay on my unique ideas about education. I involved quite a bit of preparation. 1986 was a good year for me."

For the past few summers Gage and his wife, Margaret (who also teaches in Agawam at Clark Elementary School), and their two children, returned to Gage's hometown in Coopersville, New York.

They enjoyed canoeing, water skiing, swimming, tennis, and softball. Both he and his wife are also avid readers.

This past summer Gage taught his 10 year-old son, Thomas, to play golf. He said, "I love spending time with my family. The four of us are together all summer—we are very close."

Gage's daughter, Lindy, celebrated her eighth birthday on Thursday, September 22nd, while he had to stay after-school to be interviewed for this article. The Agawam Advertiser News would like to thank Lindy for sharing her "dad" with us on her special day.



AHS PHYSICS TEACHER Art Gage.

Planetarium Program Explores Red Planet

The new feature show at the Springfield Science Museum's planetarium will be **The Mars Show**, narrated by Patrick Stewart, better known as Captain Jean-Luc Picard of TV's *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. The program looks at Mars from the perspective of history, the scientific knowledge of the present, and the dreams of future colonization. The Mars Show opens October 1st.

Early observations, crude telescopic drawings, and imaginative visions of Martians open the show. Then, through recent telescopic images and photographs from the Viking mission, the topography, moons, and climate of Mars are explored. Finally, plans for future missions—manned and unmanned—are revealed.

Mars will be very much in the news this fall as it comes into opposition. This occurs only every 780 days when Mars is on the same side of the sun as Earth. Because of the planets' elliptical orbits, opposition does not always mean that the two planets are unusually close. However, to stargazers' delight, this opposition will bring Mars closer than it has been since 1971. The planetarium's **Mars Show** coincides with this exciting astronomical event.

The Mars Show will be presented at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and at 1 and 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. At 2:00 p.m. on weekends, the show will be **The Autumn Sky**. Planetarium tickets are \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. Children under six are not admitted to the planetarium.

The Science Museum is a unit of the Springfield Library and Museums Association, a private, non-profit organization. The museum is located on the Quadrangle at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m. For information, call the museum at 733-1194.

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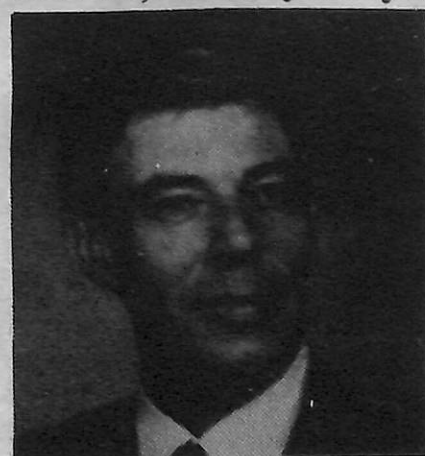
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VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME at the Robinson Park "Back To School" Night are PTO members Eleanor Jean, Helen Manning, and Sue Hoague. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



COURTNEY RULLMANN shows her mom, Lee, a bulletin board at the Robinson Park "Back To School" Night. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Robinson PTO Sponsors "Back To School" Night

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Robinson Park Elementary's "Back To School Night" overfilled the auditorium last Thursday evening, "despite the competition from the Big E in West Springfield," said Principal Barbara Skolnick.

"We hold this program each year to have parents find out teacher's expectations for the year and what the curriculum will be (for their children). It's a good way to begin the communication process between parents and teachers," she said. "Parents are made aware of some of the school programs and policies."

Terri Machia, Helen Manning, and Maureen Newalu were elected during the program's onset to serve as the parent representatives for the School Improvement Council at Robinson. For the past few years these state funds have been allocated with a per student capita of \$10-\$15, based on the student enrollment of the prior school year.

Agawam schools have purchased many package programs, computers, and classroom materials, including maps, globes and encyclopedias that would otherwise be unattainable through the School Department's fiscal budget.

Robinson P.T.O. Membership Chairwoman Nancy Swikalus was on hand to review information about the strong organization and accept new parents as well as collect dues. Skolnick said, "We also kicked off our fundraiser this evening."

Before parents and teachers separated to individual classes, Mrs. Skolnick asked parents to silently take the "Parents Pledge" which she read aloud. She said she felt it was "very appropriate for the occasion."

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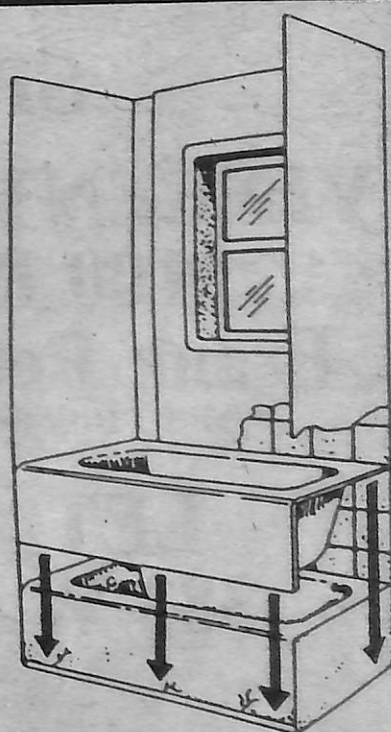
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KATHY KIDA is this year's president of the Robinson Park PTO. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



IN PHOTO ABOVE, faculty member Nancy Swikalus and Lou Ruscio are all smiles at Robinson's "Back To School Night"; in photo at right, teachers Gloriajean Sheiber and Catherine Camara are about to greet parents when entering their classroom. Advertiser News

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FIVE YEAR-OLD Samantha Gingras is glad her dad, Ted Gingras, attended the "Back To School" Night. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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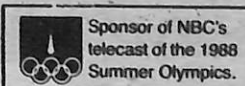
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AHS Marching Band Sets Paper Drive Oct. 8

The Agawam High School Marching Mohawk Band is holding its Annual Fall Paper Drive, Saturday, October 8th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the high school parking lot.

If you are a senior citizen or have large quantities, we will be happy to make a pick-up on Saturday, October 8th. Please call 789-0348 or 789-0015 to be put on a pick-up schedule.

The funds raised from this paper drive will go towards transportation for the group's annual spring trip.

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Cherilee Doucette Named To Dean's List At Emmanuel Col.

Miss Cherilee N. Doucette, niece of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Doucette, 1045 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, was named to the Dean's List at Emmanuel College for the spring '88 semester. Cherilee is a junior majoring in Accounting, and is an Accounting Intern at Boston Equity Investments, Inc.

Emmanuel College, founded in 1919 as the first Catholic college for women in New England, has a strong tradition of educational excellence, offering quality liberal arts and career programs to women undergraduates and to women and men through adult learning and graduate programs in such areas as the sciences, health, communication, the arts, business, education, and pastoral ministry.

Owen Broadhurst Enters University Of Massachusetts

Owen R. Broadhurst of Agawam entered the University of Massachusetts this fall as a member of the University Honors Program. He is the son of Mary & John Broadhurst of Elbert Road.

The Honors Program sponsors interdisciplinary seminars, student gatherings, service projects, a quarterly newsletter, a journal of arts and letters and a residential program. Honors students work with program advisers to design a course of study which includes independent research and enrollment in honors courses. Upon graduation, honors students receive the designation "Commonwealth Scholars."

Broadhurst is planning to major in mathematics at UMass. He graduated from Agawam High School in 1988.

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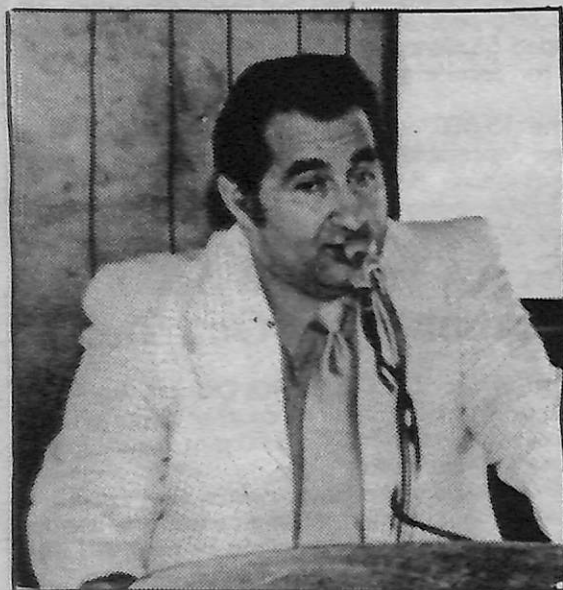
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Terri Cimaroli Gets Shining Star Reviews

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Agawam High School Senior Drum Major Terri Cimaroli has "recharged the enthusiasm of Marching Band members," according to Darcy Davis, the school's music and band director.

Davis told us, "We began this year with a let-down feeling because we had lost so many students who graduated. Terri had just that special kind of personality to pick us up when we were let down."

"She has been a dynamo. She has the attitude to jump on it and go like a whirlwind. She got me all fired up. It shows one person can make such a change in attitudes and spirit."

Terri received many honors and awards as a junior last year. She placed in the Agawam Teen Pageant, as well as receiving All-Western Mass honors for first clarinet in concert band.

She toured Europe over the summer with the "Spirit of America Marching Band," and received All-District Honors as a drum major.

After a second year at the Drum Major Academy, "she has been demonstrating new levels of achievement in dynamic leadership in the footsteps of many outstanding drum majors at AHS," said Davis.

Davis has also nominated Terri and Susan Arnold to the 1988 McDonald's All-American High School Band. There will be a ceremony to present Terri and Susan with a special recognition certificate for this nomination.

The two members selected to represent Massachusetts in the 1988 McDonald's All-American Band will be notified in early October.

Kristin Augusti Enters Bay Path Junior College

Miss Kristin Augusti, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Augusti of Pleasant Valley Drive, Feeding Hills, has entered Bay Path Junior College as a transfer student.

A graduate of Agawam High School, she is enrolled in Bay Path's Fashion Merchandising and Retailing Program leading to the associate in science degree and will graduate in May 1989.

Marion Von Hollander At Blaine Hair School

Marion Von Hollander, 13 Charles Street, Agawam, has enrolled in the Cosmetology course at the Boston campus of Blaine The Hair and Beauty Schools.

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AGAWAM HIGH MUSIC DIRECTOR DARCY DAVIS says Senior Drum Major Terri Cimaroli has "recharged the enthusiasm of the 1988 Marching Mohawks membership."

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Charlene Fillion Receives Commended Status At AHS

Agawam High School has been notified by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) that Charlene T. Fillion, daughter of Edward & Nancy Fillion of 28 Melrose Place, Agawam, has been designated a Commended Student in the 1989 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Principal John Morrissey announced today that this senior placed in the top 50,000 of more than 1,000,000 participants in the 34th annual Merit Program, and will receive a Letter of Commendation in recognition of outstanding academic promise.

An official of NMSC stated, "Being named a Commended Student in the extremely competitive Merit Program is a credit to these young men and women and the schools which play a key role in the development of academically talented youth. We hope the recognition these students have earned will increase their motivation to use their abilities to the fullest, for they represent an important intellectual resource which our nation needs."

The over 1,000,000 participants in the current Merit Program entered the competition by taking the PSAT/NMSQT in October 1987 as high school juniors. Although their qualifying test scores are very high, the 35,000 young people throughout the nation who are Commended Students scored slightly below the level required for Semifinalist standing in their respective states.

Only the 15,000 semifinalists, whose names were announced September 15th, will continue in the competition for some 6,000 Merit Scholarships to be awarded in the spring of 1989.

Boy Scout Troop 77 Sets Registration Night Oct. 2nd

Boy Scout Troop 77 of St. John's Church, Agawam, will hold a registration night and court of honor on Sunday, October 2nd, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., in St. John's Social Center, Main Street.

Returning scouts will receive awards they have earned over the summer. New scouts are always welcome; they must be 11 years-old or past the fifth grade to join.

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AHS Marching Band Seeking Members For Honor Guard Section

The Honor Guard section of the Agawam High School Band's Color Guard is an important part of the group's visual impression and carries the National Colors as well as the flags of states in which the Band has performed.

At the present time, the sharply performing unit working under Band Parents Ann Twarog and Sue Remillard is making a great impression as they march along at the head of the Band's parade formation. Several additional members are needed since the band has performed in 10 different states over the years. The Band also has flags representing Canada, and Agawam High School.

In a new system that is starting to be used this year, all new Color Guard members will march with the Honor Guard during their first year with the group. Although complicated equipment work, which takes time to develop, will not be used in the Honor Guard, solid basic marching technique and an outstanding appearance are necessary for this unit.

During the year basics of flag and rifle work, as well as some training in special equipment such as streamers and special props, will be given.

This year the group is wearing new skirts which have been made by Band Parents Ann Jakobek, Dale Melanson, Joanne LeBlanc, Lorraine Cheatham, Nancy Schneider, and Janice Schermerhorn.

As the first unit of the Marching Mohawks to appear in the parade line-up, the Honor Guard makes the first impression given by the Band to thousands of people along the various parade routes in which the band performs. In an average year, this amounts to over a half-million people, and the importance of this first impression cannot be under-estimated.

Many Bands do not feel that this is that important and "dig up" some extra person to carry an American Flag, without the required guard under the national flag code.

Agawam High Bands, under the direction of Darcy Davis, have never marched without an Honor Guard. In 1955, his first year in Agawam, Davis borrowed an idea from the outstanding drum corps of that era and formed an all-girl unit to carry the American Flag, the state flag, and the school flag, along with some rifles

JODI MELANSON also has to be proficient in flagwork since Rifle Section members use a variety of equipment during field show performances. Both Jodi's mom and dad were former members of the AHS band, as well as her sister and brother. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

as the required guard.

Davis issued a call for girls from the senior class who would like to carry the band's flag and 12 outstanding girls responded. They made their own uniforms and became an instant hit with their picture as "calendar girls" on the Agawam Community calendar that year.

The status of the group became equal to that of "cheerleaders" for many years. At that time, they were thought to be one of only two units of that type in New England (Davis had started a similar unit at Bennington, Vermont before coming to Agawam); and one of the very few in the entire nation.

Over the years, the number in the group was nine (five flags and four rifles) to match the number of baton



FLAG CAPTAIN Debbie Garrity made it to the final three out of 240 drum majors and color guard captains at the Band Leadership camp this summer. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

twirlers that were used in the front formation. It also became routine to pick nine junior girls to serve as alternates or back-up members in case one of the regular members could not attend a particular event. This gave new members a year to complete training for the group and be fully capable of taking over in their senior year as the regular guard.

Senior members were told to "miss" at least one football game during the season to give junior members a chance to march.

For many years The Ostwald Uniform Company made the guard uniforms and featured their picture in their national advertising.

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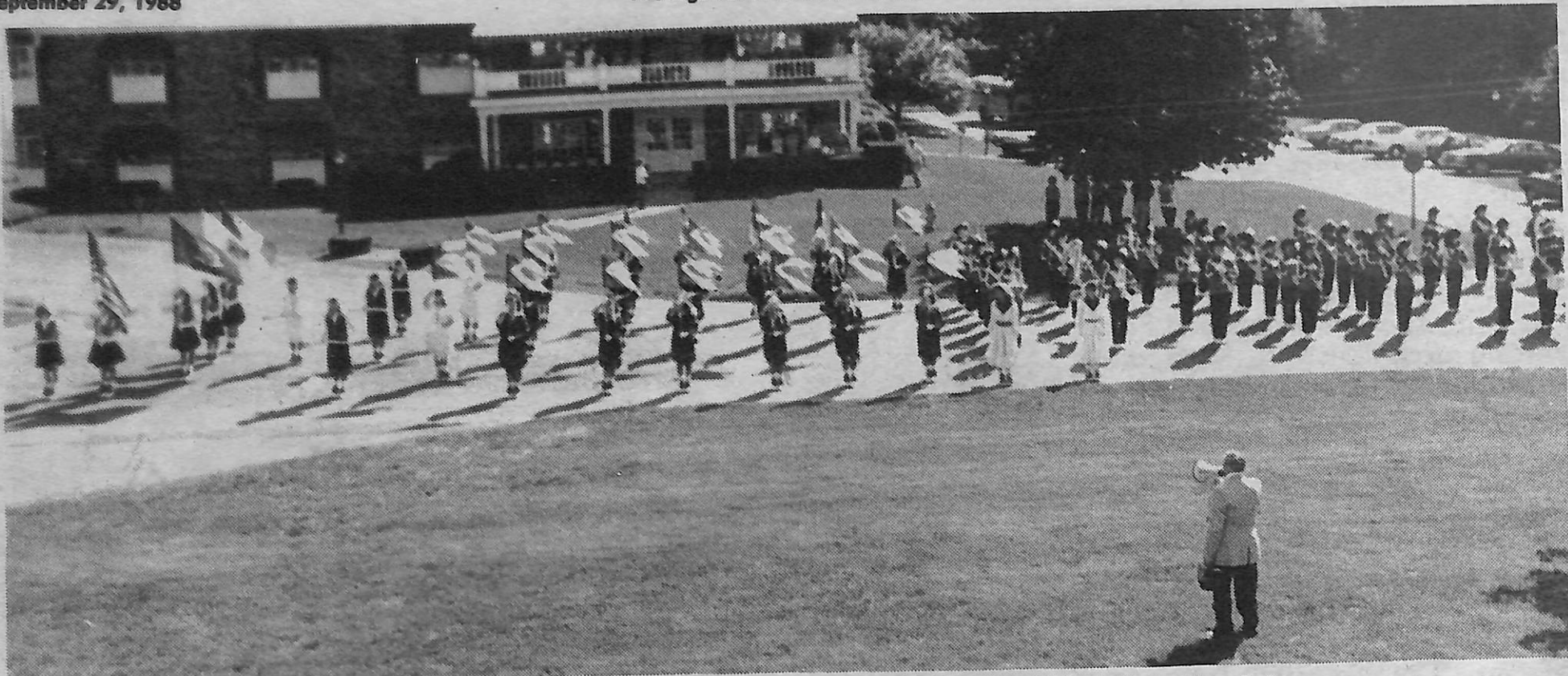
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DARCY DAVIS, music director at Agawam High School (foreground), gives his Marching Mohawks instructions during a performance at Heritage Hall last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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When the Band started competing in national contests in Pennsylvania in the 1970's, there were no size classifications and they ran into groups with well over 100 musicians and many with over 100 in their "front unit" as the combination of flags, batons, pom-poms, etc. was called.

At this time, the junior class members were activated as regular performers and a double-size sophomore group was formed, and they also became performers from the start.

In recent years the Agawam "Band Front" composed of Honor Guard, Flags, Rifles, and featured Baton Twirlers has numbered between 40-60 members, and members still enjoy a position of prestige among the school's activities.

Their instructor for some years now has been Betty Sosnowich and she has brought them to championship form. They have taken the "Best Color Guard Award" from the Columbus Day Parade for nine of the last 10 years, and are the present state and New England Parade Champions. Last year, at the Championship Event in Quincy, they received the highest score of all the Color Guards in the parade, regardless of size, including the large band that represented the state at the Cotton Bowl Parade that year.

The group also competes as separate units at the Band's Spring Festival trip, and has had spectacular success at these events. In the Montreal Festivals of Music, the Rifle Line received the "Outstanding Auxiliary Unit" of the Field Show, along with separate units competing as dance team, rifle team, and flag team.

In spite of the proliferation of girls' sports and the need for part-time jobs by many members, the numbers in the guard have held fairly steady.

This year's Rifle Line is smaller than usual, and the Honor Guard needs some more people to carry all of the flags that are available. Girls interested in joining the Honor Guard may come to any of the Band rehearsals which are held regularly on Tuesday evenings and at times on Saturday mornings.



JUNIOR DRUM MAJOR SARAH WHITE is rapidly picking up the skills of being a leader in the Agawam High Marching Mohawks. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FLAG CAPTAIN WENDY ZIEMBA shares the responsibilities of leading the flag section with Deborah Garrity. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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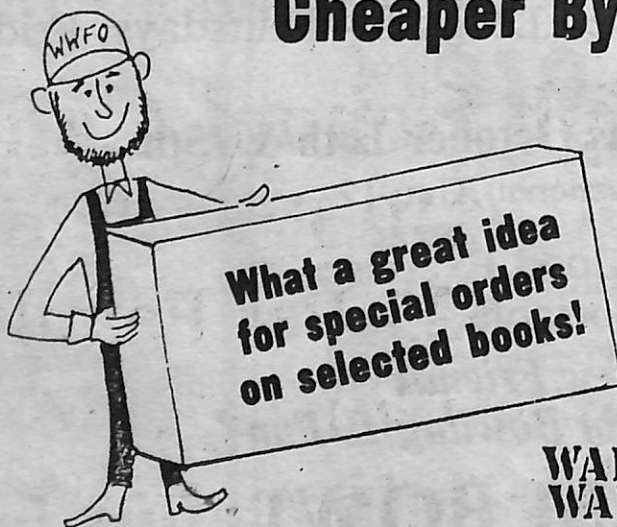
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Thursday, October 6th: Spaghetti with meatsauce, buttered green beans, Italian bread and butter, fig bar or fruit cup, milk.

Friday, October 7th: Tuna salad sandwich in roll, or peanut butter sandwich, oven french fries, niblet corn, ice cream, milk.

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Clark School PTO Gathers For Meeting



MEMBERS OF THE JAMES CLARK SCHOOL P.T.O. took time out from their busy schedules for a group photo. Back row, from left - Susan Gensheimer, Roxanne Borowiec, Sue Andreoli, Joan Bitgood, and Debbie Prova. Front row - Terri Cabral, Gail Lungarini, Beverly Goodwin, Peggy Webb, Gail Curnow, and Lynn O'Brien. Missing: Linda DeGray, Doreen Cross, Linda Bryskiewicz, Brenda Callahan, Michelle Dunn, and Donna Modzelewski and Sheryl Mardeuz (teachers representatives). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Opened in 1987, Drama Studio originated to provide quality theatre training for young people and adults in the Western New England region. The goal was to have a space, faculty, and curriculum where students could develop the craft of acting in a supportive environment emphasizing the process of acting and playmaking.

Stephen E. Hays, executive director of Drama Studio and founder and producing director (1966-84) of Springfield's StageWest, announced that the studio has moved from its former location at the MacDuffie School to the more spacious quarters of Bates Hall in the St. Barnabas/All Saints Church, 41 Oakland Street, Springfield, Massachusetts.

Hays commented, "We moved to accommodate the increasing number of students attending and we've had to expand our faculty from three to five to teach the variety of programs we're offering."

Hays credited to the growth and success of Drama Studio, in part, to its corporators, some 55 interested and supportive community people whose contributions and action assist in the operation of the organization and allow the school to fund scholarships to deserving young students.

The 12-week theatre program includes an Introduction to Acting I for young people grades 1-12 as well as adults, and an Acting II program for grades 1-8. Two other programs, available for advanced students, are titled Performance Workshops and Scene Study.

Former Suffield teacher Lyle Pearsons, who is a founding member, teaches six of the classes offered.

"This is an exciting venture that has much more to offer young people than just doing plays," said Pearsons. "It's the process not the product. It's learning to take risks, concentrating, exploring inner resources and developing a sense of self worth."

Pearsons, who received a B.F.A. in acting from Boston University, worked as an equity actor for a New York based children's theatre company before returning to the area to teach elementary school. Active with the Suffield Players, he has received many awards for acting and directing and is currently producer of a traveling children's troupe, "Kit & Kaboodle."

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Open House Held At Ag. Middle School

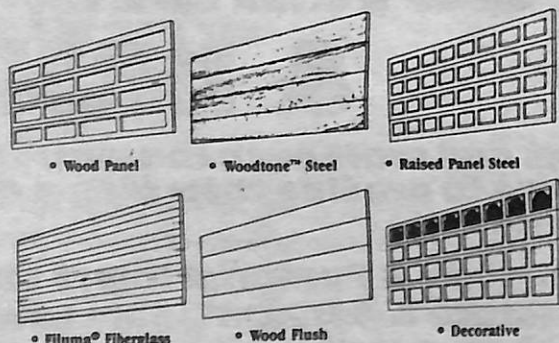


IN PHOTO LEFT, School Principal Ralph Zavarella (left) and Assistant Principal William Sapelli are about to greet parents at the school's first Open House; in photo right, faculty member Vivian Govoni explains her curriculum to parents. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



ALL SMILES AT THE AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL'S first Open House for parents in the new school year are, from left - Ann Boskiewicz, Helen Manning, Dee Nacewicz, and Brian & Louise David. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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IN TOP PHOTO, Agawam Middle School PTO members Charlotte Lavalette and Noreen Poole run the raffle held at last week's Open House; in photo below, teacher Nancy Hellquist greets parents Sheila & Ron Longley. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



More Bus Safety Taught



AGAWAM SAFETY OFFICER AL LONGI explains school bus evacuation to Phelps School students Anthony Olmo, Eric Preston, Mike Mangano, and Darren Withers. Looking on is school bus driver Ed Fields (left).

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Wooley On Sidelines...

Fast Football Start Surprises Modge; Holyoke Next

After its two opening schoolboy football games, the Agawam High Brownies have outscored its opponents 64-19. The locals have dominated, too, even more so than what last year's 8-1-1 team accomplished after its first two games.

And following last Friday night's 35-7 independent shellacking of Suburban League Amherst under the lights at Harmon Smith Field, even coach Joe Modzelewski is shaking his head in surprise.

"There's no way we expected to be at this point so early in the season," said Modzelewski. "We lost so many experienced seniors to graduation (virtually the entire defense) we thought we would be in some difficulty. So far, that hasn't happened."

The Brownies will open the AA Conference schedule this Friday night vs. Holyoke in the Paper City. This game, says Modzelewski, will be a tell-tale sign of what's to come in the tough AA Conference in 1988 for the Brownies.

"There's no doubt Holyoke will be a tough football game for us. They are huge and have a lot of speed in their backfield. I would say after Friday night we'll know a lot more about our football team," said the fourth-year coach.

Modzelewski refused to down-grade the caliber of the Brownies' first two opponents as the major reason why his kids have charged out of the blocks.

AHS damaged the Suburban League's Northampton Blue Devils, 29-12, in the seasonal opener, Friday, September 16th. That game, too, was performed under the lights but in the Blue Devils' backyard.

"I can't honestly say that either Northampton or Amherst are not good teams. I'd say both will do fairly well in their league. Northampton has their two best running backs out for the entire season and that hurt them. We just outplayed them."

"As for Amherst," he continued, "they're a well-coached team. We just played too well for them. They couldn't stop us. Both of our lines played outstanding football."

The size-factor will be a key in Friday night's game vs. the Purple Knights, who always seem to be a tough cookie for any Agawam High team. "Their great size will give us a problem. They were picked as a darkhorse contender in the conference, and we're going into this game injured. We just have to suck it up and continue to play smart football," said Modzelewski.

The most noteworthy injury for the Brownies is junior tailback Jason Wooley. He hurt his ankle in the first half of the Amherst game on Friday night and never returned.

Wooley opened the season vs. 'Hamp exactly where he left-off in 1987 - spectacular. He tallied three touchdowns and appeared primed to repeat or better last season's sensational, 1,200-yard-plus, 14-touchdown performance.

Replacing Wooley will be two fullbacks, Ken Blews and Jay Votzak. Both picked-up the slack left when Wooley was sent limping to the sidelines vs. Amherst. Blews bulled his way to three touchdowns and 85 yards (11 carries) while Votzak, a converted tailback from earlier years, banged-out 46 yards.

Also expected to get a crack at Holyoke is junior tailback Shawn Smith, who Modzelewski dubbed as "very capable." Smith will see action because sophomore back Frank Demarinis, Wooley's new understudy, is also ailing.

The most pleasant surprise for Modzelewski so far has been the play of both his offensive and defensive lines, especially seniors Rich DiLullo (nose guard) and Billy Moccio (tackle). Each are two-way players, which seems to be the norm in 1988 for AHS due to a serious lack of depth.

"Our lines have really calmed the nerves of the coaching staff. We went into the season with some definite trouble spots but the kids are responding very well. We'll see what happens when we face a huge team like Holyoke Friday night," observed Modzelewski.

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Blews, Brownies Easily Blow-Out Hurricanes, 35-7

Senior fullback Ken Blews proved the 1988 Agawam High Brownies have more than just Jason Wooley in their backfield as he blasted for three touchdowns in leading the locals to a 35-7 demolition of the Amherst Hurricanes last Friday night.

The independent schoolboy game was the first-ever football game played under the new lights at Harmon Smith Field. The large and appreciative crowd saw the locals crank-out 320 yards total offense with Wooley looking on from the sidelines for part of the second quarter and all of the second half.

Before he was removed, Wooley had blitzed the Hurricanes for 55 yards on 11 carries, appearing to be en route to another big night on the ground.

The Brownies are now 2-0 in the young season, and have outscored the opposition 64-19 in racking-up the pair of lop-sided victories.

"Ken (Blews) did an outstanding job for us tonight," said impressed AHS coach Joe Modzelewski afterwards. "I thought our offense line did a fine job in opening holes and all of our backs ran very well. I'm very pleased with the things we did out there tonight."

Wooley suffered an ankle sprain with about five minutes to go in the second quarter and never returned. Modzelewski says his junior star won't be in the lineup when the Brownies open the AA Conference season vs. Holyoke Friday night in the Paper City.

Blews, in leading all rushers with 85 yards, had his best schoolboy night ever. He caught one TD pass for six yards, and grinded-out paydirt runs of four and 23 yards in the fourth quarter when the Brownies totally put this one out of reach.

Following a shanked Hurricane punt of 29 yards in the first quarter, the Brownies were in business on the visitors' 37. Seven plays later, Blews grabbed a six-yard pass from All-Western Mass. QB John Serra. The extra-point was muffed. 6-0.

In the second quarter Bob McNamee picked-off a Hurricane pass at the Brownies' 43. On the sixth play of the series, Serra lofted a perfect strike to wide-out John DePalma, a senior, for a 12-0 lead. The Brownies missed the two-point conversion.

SEE BLOW-OUT AMHERST - Page 51...



IN FIRST PHOTO, senior QB John Serra charges around the right end for a short gain; in photo below, Serra is brought down following a fierce pass rush by the Amherst line. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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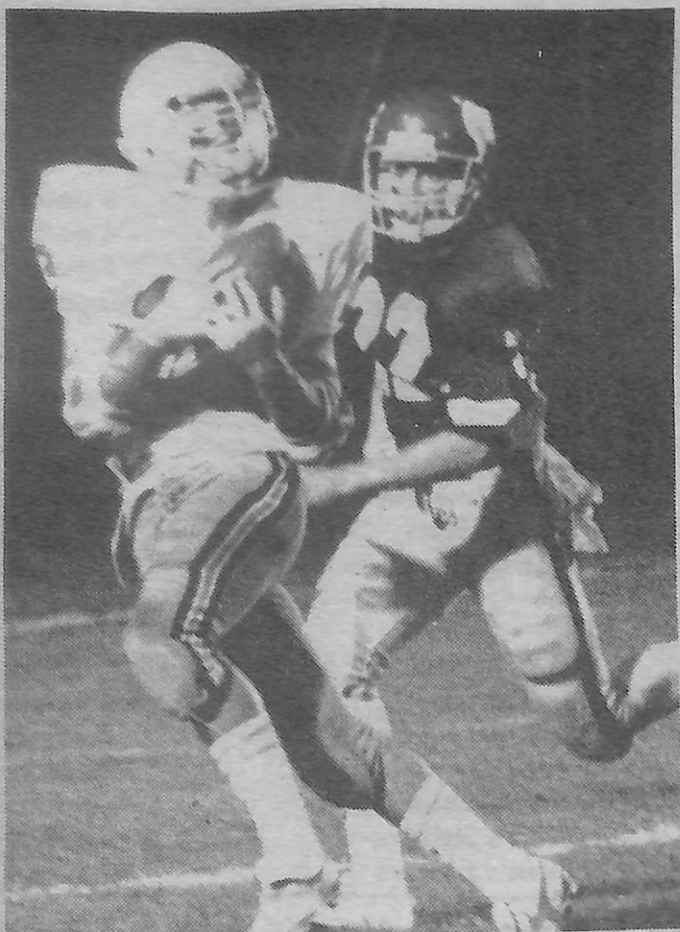
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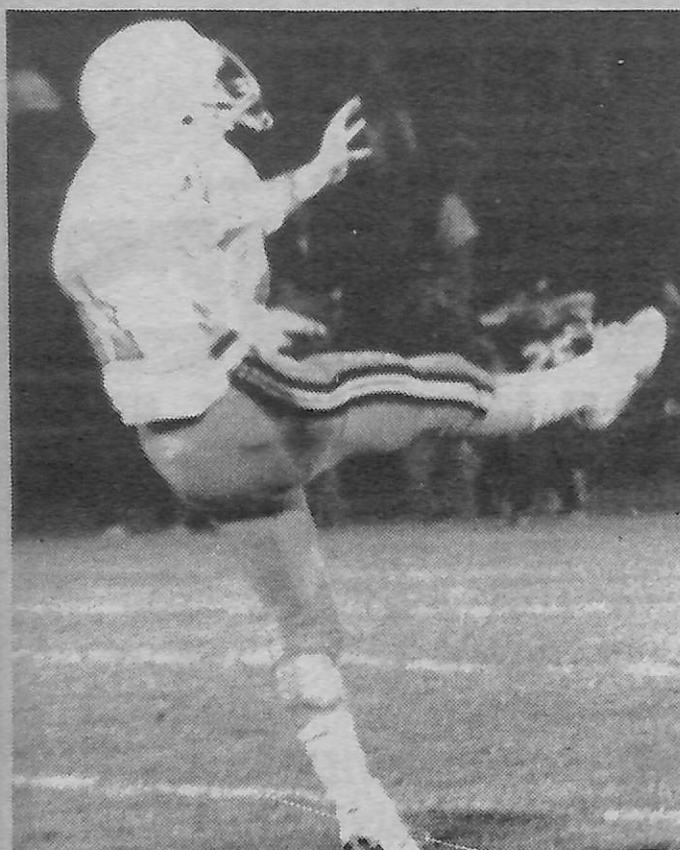


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SENIOR WIDE-OUT JOHN DEPALMA en route to a 29-yard touchdown catch from QB John Serra. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PUNTER MIKE MALANSON gets off a good boot in first half action for the Brownies vs. Amherst. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

BROWNIES' SUPRISE - From Page 50...

The good news with Wooley out is the Brownies still have one of the top passers in Western Mass. in senior John Serra. Serra fired two touchdown passes vs. Amherst in not one of his better performances (5-13, 96 yards, two interceptions).

Still, Serra had more than enough when it counted, including touchdown passes of 6 yards to Blews and 29 yards to his new outside target, John DePalma.

While it's all upbeat in AHS football this day, Modzelewski is absolutely right when he says Friday's game vs. Holyoke will go a long way in determining what lies in store for his kids this fall.

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WHIP AMHERST - From Page 50...

Amherst then answered back when their fine back, Gam Perez, returned the ensuing kickoff all the way to the Brownies' 48. Nine plays later, Scott Carew scored from the one yard-line and Randy Zucco added the conversion attempt. 12-7.

"They really stuffed it down our throat in that drive," said Modzelewski. "But other than that, our defense pretty much contained them. That Perez (80 yards/16 carries) is really a good one."

But that was all she wrote for the Hurricanes in the scoring column. From there, the Brownies built on a 20-7 halftime lead with two Blews touchdowns in the fourth quarter. Blews also caught a two-point conversion from Serra to make it 28-7, and then put it completely in the books on a 23-yard scamper late in the quarter.

Amherst did have a jinx on its back when Perez's 51-yard touchdown run was nullified by a motion penalty. That seemed to totally suck the wind out of the visitors.

Also helping the Brownies' cause was the play of

senior fullback Jay Votzak (46 yards/8 carries). Both he and Blews were smashing into the Amherst line with authority.

Serra, who was intercepted twice when he threw in to heavy traffic, hit on five passes in 13 attempts, but still two of his completions were for touchdowns. Also add an extra point kick, a two-point conversion of his own on a run, and his two-point connection with Blews, and Serra enjoyed another money night.

Serra's 96-yards through the air lanes continued to exhibit the Brownies can inflict damage on the opposition through balance, something they'll definitely need as the AA Conference schedule unfolds Friday night vs. Holyoke.

"There's no question about John's (Serra) capability to throw the ball. We have people who can catch. If he gets the time, we are in good, good shape," said Modzelewski.

"The play of our lines, especially Rich DiLullo and Billy Moccio, has solidified this team, too. I think our lines are only going to get better," remarked Modzelewski. "If we can continue to improve and stay healthy, I'm very optimistic about this team and what it can do."

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Brownie Gymnasts Continue To Improve

The win-loss column does not accurately reflect the performances of the Agawam girls' gymnastics team. A look at the scoreboard gives a more accurate indication of how the girls are faring.

The season opener was a real nailbiter with a final score of 84.6 for Central High and 83.1 for the home team. Highlights included a 5.25 on floor exercise for newcomer Karen Hanson in her first-ever competition. Captain Elizabeth Korza scored 6.05 on beam, and Michelle Willard received a 6.3 on vault and a 5.3 on the balance beam. Maria Losito totaled 26.15 in all-around competition with scores of 6.95 on floor, 7.3 for vault, 7.0 on beam, and 4.9 on the uneven bars.

The Brownies scored 7 points higher in their second meet which pitted them against Holyoke. Unfortunately, Holyoke scored more than Central. The final tally was Holyoke 99.35, Agawam 90.2. Quality performances were turned in by Kristy Wage who received a 5.65 on floor and a 6.2 on vault; Karen Hanson with a 5.75 on floor exercise and 6.25 on beam; Nicole LaPalme with a 6.45 for vault and a 5.8 on beam; and finally, Michelle Willard with a 4.35 on floor, a 6.8 on vault, and a 5.0 on the balance beam.

For their third meet the girls traveled to East Longmeadow, where the home team squeaked by them with an 87.25 compared to the Brownies' 85.35. Nicole LaPalme turned in solid performances with a 5.8 on floor, 6.45 for vault, and 4.8 on beam. Karen Hanson scored big with a 6.4 on floor and a 5.85 on beam.

Against Waconah, one of the league's powerhouses, Agawam scored a six-year high total of 93.6 points. Waconah was consistent with their reputation, amassing a total of 109.8. According to Coach Laura Benoit, this meet saw all of her girls hitting their stride. Newcomer Jill Robb recorded a 4.0 on floor and a 6.25 for vault. Elizabeth Korza turned in a 6.0 performance for her floor routine and a 5.0 on beam. Karen Hanson garnered a 6.65 on floor and a 6.2 on beam. Michelle Willard went home with two personal bests — a 6.95 for vault and a 6.4 on the balance beam. Maria Losito, the team's anchor, received her top all-around score of 28.05 with a 7.55 for floor, 7.50 on vault, 7.10 on beam, and a 5.9 on bars.

Next up for the gymnasts is Gateway Regional on Friday, September 30th. Coach Benoit says she anticipates another close meet. But win or lose, she is proud of her girls whom she feels are putting in great effort with gratifying results.

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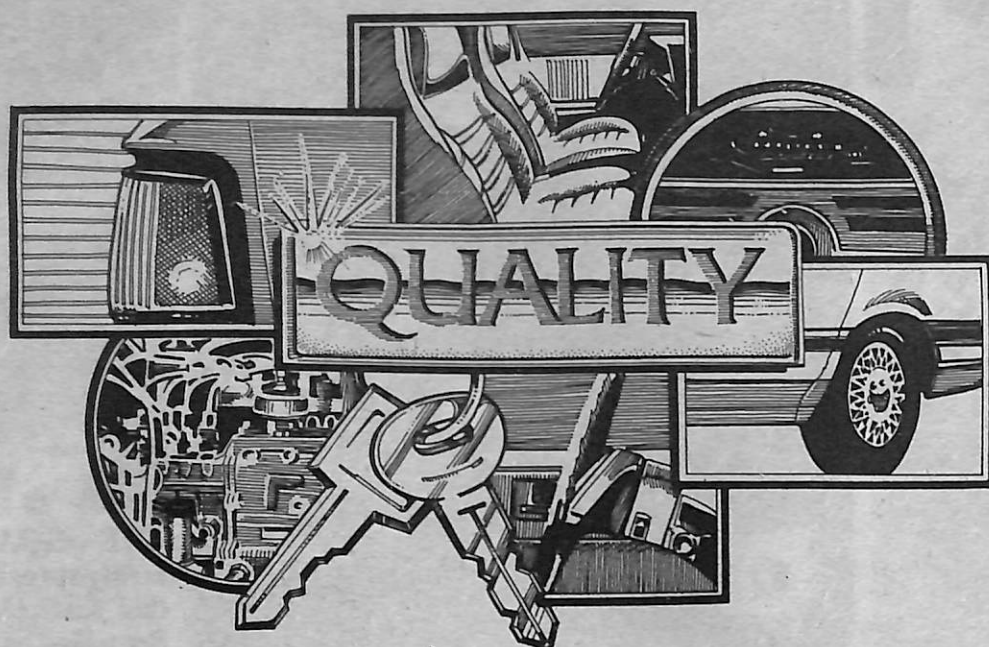
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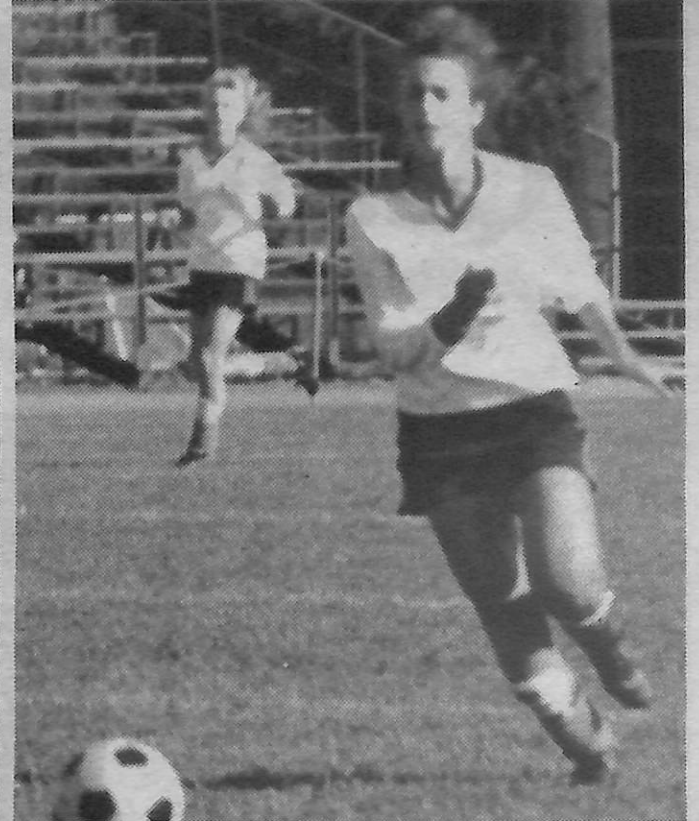


THE AGAWAM HIGH girls' varsity soccer team suffered a bitter, 1-0 loss to arch-rival West Springfield last week in a rematch of the Western Mass. title game. The Brownies peppered the West Side goal with 33 shots, while West Side managed just three penalty shots on the AHS goal THE ENTIRE GAME. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FOLLOWING their loss to West Side, the girls whitewashed East Long., 5-0. The locals have outscored their opponents, 34-2 so far. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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by Bill Chiba

More than \$180 million will be made available to fund state fish and wildlife restoration programs this year through the preliminary apportionments of two federal aid programs administered by the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

In announcing the preliminary figures, Secretary of the Interior Don Hodel thanked America's hunters and anglers, saying, "Without them, wildlife as we know it today simply would not exist. The comeback of the wild turkey, the wood duck, native brook, and cut-throat trout, and many other popular species can be tied directly to restoration work funded through these programs."

The programs are financed by hunters and anglers through federal excise taxes on sporting equipment such as firearms, ammunition, and fishing tackle; import taxes on fishing tackle and pleasure boats; and a percentage of motorboat fuels taxes.

The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (Pittman-Robertson Act), signed in 1937, and the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (Dingell-Johnson Act), signed in 1950, collectively have raised over \$2 billion, all tagged for state fish and wildlife programs such as land acquisition, habitat improvement, research, and education.

The preliminary apportionment for wildlife restoration and hunter education programs for fiscal year 1989 is \$67,500,000. This money comes from an 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition, a 10 percent tax on pistols and revolvers, and an 11 percent tax on certain archery equipment. One-half of the tax on handguns and archery equipment is available for state hunter education programs.

The preliminary apportionment for sport fish restoration for fiscal year 1989 totals \$112,800,300. This money comes from a 10 percent excise tax on fishing equipment and a 3 percent tax on electric trolling motors and sonar fish finders. The "Wallop-Breaux" expansion legislation of 1984 increased the tax base for sport fish restoration to include a portion of the federal motorboat fuels tax and import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats.

Distribution of sport fish restoration funds to the states is based on the land and water area and the number of fishing license holders in each state. Wildlife restoration funds are made available based on land area and the number of hunting license holders in each state. Distribution of hunter education funds is based on the relative population of each state.

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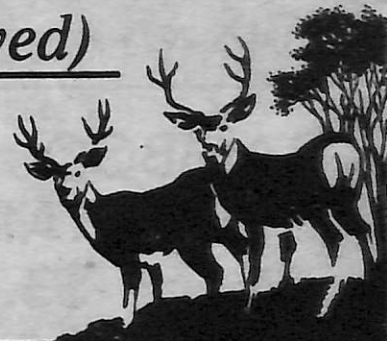
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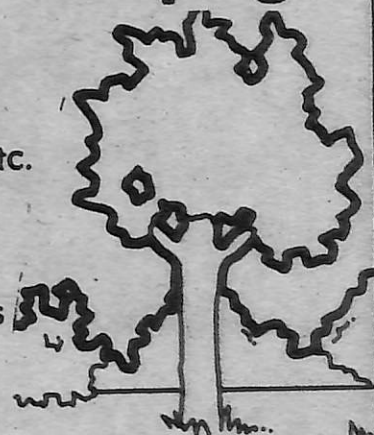
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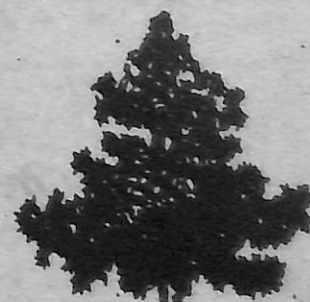
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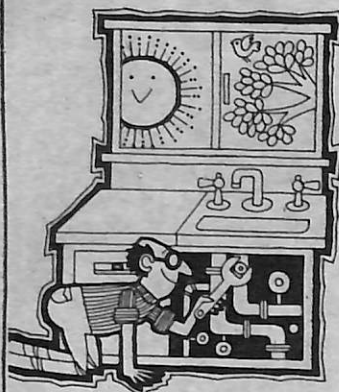


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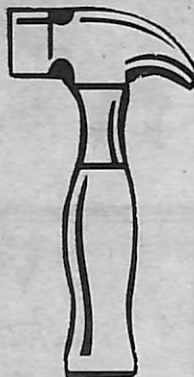
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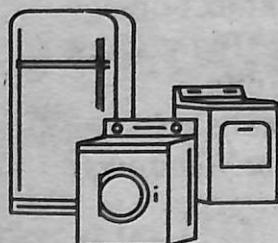
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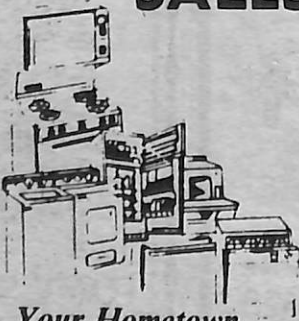
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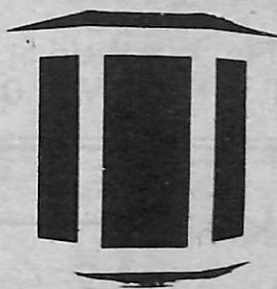
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